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Thirty years ago top area rock 'n' roll groups such as "Mitch Ryder and the Detroit Wheels" performed at the Romulus area Green Lawn Grove dance hall. The building later was used to house a flea market, prior to a fire Dec. 7. Youths of the 1960s, above, are informed of an upcoming musical performance. ANP file photo

Fire destroys old dance hall

By AL POST

ANP Staff Writer

Two early morning Romulus fires have gutted a landmark flea market and a local barber shop, Fire Marshall David Allison reported. A third fire closed the kitchen of the Comfort Inn at 9501 Middlebelt Road.

The first fire was reported at 4:46 a.m. Dec. 4 and destroyed Bob Bernie's barber shop and a single family dwelling at 29605 Ecorse Road (near Hollywood) in

Allison said the blaze destroyed the building, but two tenants, Edward Kelly McDaniel and David Charles Wilson, escaped unharmed.

The three-alarm blaze not only destroyed the barber shop, but all of Bernie's equipment including the barber chair, air conditioner, television set and barber style hand tools.

Bernie, who lives in Wayne, said he at first considered retiring after barbering in the Romulus area for 35 years, including 23 years at the site that burned

Bernie said, "I may come back to serve my customers, if I can find a place to reopen my barber shop near my old location.'

again at 12:05 a.m. last Tuesday to battle a blaze at a city landmark known as Green Lawn Grove at 16447 Middlebelt Road.

The building was built by Matthew Wegienka and his family back in 1949, after a friend offered Wegienka use of a series of trees.

Wegienka said he had the trees sawed into beams and rough lumber and constructed the facility that he used for a number of years as a dance hall.

Wegienka for a number of years provided the musical entertainment for the dancers with his band known as "Matt and his

Royal Black Hawks.' In the 60s the dance hall was rented out for rock 'n' roll bands including "Ken and the Silvertones" and "Mitch Ryder and the Detroit Wheels."

The hand-made structure was also used for various social and political rallies in the past and more recently was heavily used as a weekend flea market which attracted hundreds of shoppers on Saturdays and

Allison said that the current owner, William Pai of Monroe, could give no esti-

Three days later, Romulus mate of value on items firemen were called out stored inside the building.

Wegienka said his sisterin-law called him last Tuesday to inform him of the fire and then he saw a brief telecast of the firemen battling the flaming building. Allison said firemen remained at the fire scene until about 5:30 a.m.

Wegienka said, "This was mild compared to all the tragedies occurring now in the world. I feel the world is in its 11th hour."

Allison said the cause of the barber shop-apartment fire was listed as accidental, while the cause of the dance hall-flea market was listed as undetermined.

The kitchen fire at the Comfort Inn caused substantial damage to the kitchen and forced it being shut down, Allison said, but the hotel itself remains open

and unaffected by the fire. Allison said the grease fire alarm was called in on a 9-1-1 number about 11:30 p.m. Thursday and forced the temporary evacuation of some guests and employees in the kitchen and lounge

Firemen extinguished the fire and used smoke ejectors to eliminate the smoke from that portion of the threestory building.

2 teens found guilty in drive-by murder

By AL POST ANP Staff Writer

Two Detroit youths were convicted of second-degree murder last Wednesday in the drive-by shooting case of Romulus teen, Bayette (Yogi) Elrod, grandson of Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce Treasurer Jason Lovette.

Elrod, 17, was reportedly sitting on a couch in a home on Whitehorn Street, when more than 20 shots ripped into the

or more people were in the home celebrating a birthday party at the time of the shooting, only Elrod was struck and killed, police reported. Ironically, the actual gun-

man, Nile Miles, was only 15 at the time of the shooting last March 29. Miles and co-defendant,

Kofi Myler, 18 at the time of the killing, will return before Circuit Court Judge William Cahalan for sentencing on Jan. 5. A hearing will also be held

Despite the fact a half dozen at that time, so that Cahalan can decide whether Miles should be sentenced as a juvenile or adult.

> Both suspects were found not guilty of felony firearm charges.

> Romulus Detective Sgt. Gordon Malaniak said Detroit Free Press Publisher Neal Shine was called as a character witness for Myler, who once was an intern at the Detroit daily newspaper.

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Councilman won't give up vote utes and the city charter.

By AL POST ANP Staff Writer

Councilman Noah (Pete) Bergeron heatedly refused again Monday night to relinquish his rights to vote on and attend city council executive sessions on the commercial injection well issue.

Bergeron and Romulus Environmental Citizens Against Pollution (RECAP) member Steve Lewkowicz raised the Dec. 13 dialogue to an emotional level again, as Lewkowicz tried to persuade Bergeron to bow out of future environmental well votes and debates.

Bergeron, supported by the verbal backing of City Attorney Barry Seifman, said he would not "yield" his vote, because of various interpretations of the conflict of interest law presented by RECAP

Bergeron, son-in-law of John Ryznar, owner of the property on which Environmental Disposal Services has begun to construct a hazardous-non hazardous liquid disposal well, told Lewkowicz and other RECAP members in the audience "no matter what I say, you will claim I'm a liar."

Several in the audience laughed quietly and said, "You've got that right."



Pete Bergeron

Lewkowicz also irked Bergeron, when he claimed it was he not Bergeron who first called for a lawsuit against

Lewkowicz said he first called for the lawsuit at the massive citizens meeting sponsored by EDS at Romulus Senior High School.

But Lewkowicz was reminded that Bergeron made the motion at a City Council meeting that led to the current

city lawsuit against EDS. Seifman said he based his legal opinion on an analysis he was trying to make using various sections of the state statBanks is present, since she is the official who made the actual request. Veteran Councilman Jimmie Raspberry served as act-ing Council Chairman Monday

The city attorney said he would present a printed copy

of his recommendation at the

Dec. 27 City Council meeting,

when Mayor pro tem Mary Ann

night, as both Banks and Council Chairman Randy Gear were absent. Also missing from the meeting was Councilman William Wadsworth.

Another highlight of the meeting was a half hour report on a commercial injection well in Vickery, Ohio, by Romulus homeowner Royal P. Lilly.

Lilly, a former Romulus Rotary Club president and owner of three homes in the city, offered a brief video presentation of the Vickery well operations, as well as several Ohio newspaper articles concerning the well and its relations with a Ohio citizens group known as Northern Ohioans Protecting the Environment (NOPE).

The NOPE group reportedly obtained a \$15 million settlement from the well company in 1990 following a seven-year war of words and charges of environmental concerns.

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Letters support deepwell project

By AL POST ANP Staff Writer

At least three letters supporting the \$6.1 million Environmental Disposal Services (EDS) project in Romulus reportedly have been mailed to Mayor Beverly McAnally.

One dated Dec. 5, 1993 from the office of Ernestine Williams, realtor- owner of the Red Carpet Keim real estate office in Inkster states, "We have endorsed the EDS plans for development of its deepwell facility in Romulus and believe that it will be a positive contribution to the development of this area and will not cause a reduction in property

"This project can act as a magnet to attract other industry to this area," Williams continued, "thereby increasing the city's tax base and offering job opportunities for local residents.'

The argument regarding property values has been one of the central issues raised by opponents of the well. Copies

of the letter were distributed to those attending the city council meeting on Dec. 6.

A second letter to McAnally dated Dec. 10 came from two leaders of the Petrotek Engineering Co., which installed the deep injection well in Romulus, and cited a comment the mayor offered to the Detroit Free Press.

Kenneth J. Cooper and Richard R. Lyle, Petrotek officials, wrote they would like to "further explain some facts regarding the EDS Class 1 deepwell project" following her comment that, "It does not please me to think it (injected fluids) might come up in Van Buren, Inkster or anywhere else.'

Cooper and Lyle said, "There has never been an instance of surface or drinking contamination due to the operation of a Class 1 disposal well constructed and operated according to current Environmental Protection Agency standards.

"Because these rigorous siting and construction requirements have been followed in the drilling and completion of the EDS disposal well, there is no basis for fear the waste will 'come up' in Romulus or any other surrounding communities," they said. And a third letter dated

Dec. 13 from William B. Harrison III, professor and director of the Michigan Basin Core Research Laboratory at Western Michigan University, stated, "I have been a Michigan resident for over 20 years and feel strongly that our quality environment in Michigan should be a priority. Rational thought and planning, coupled with innovative technology and resource utilization can be our best ally in the pursuit of environmental protection.

Harrison continued, "I have followed the community and media debate about this facility since I attended a public information session at Romulus Senior High School in October.

"I am shocked by the misin-

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Parks director plans to retire in January

By AL POST ANP Staff Writer

Duwayne Martin, 61-yearold director of the Romulus Recreation and Parks Department, announced last Thursday that he will be retiring on

Martin's departure will be

the second of a department head to leave city government since Mayor Beverly McAnally was re-elected in November.

Last Monday McAnally failed to reappoint Police Chief Fred Dansby, who had served as the top police offi-

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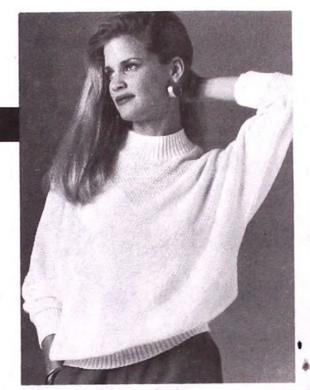
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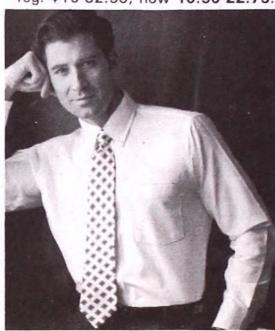
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Well issue videos set for TV

Video presentations offered by both Environmental Disposal Services (EDS) and Romulus Environmentalist Citizens Against Pollution (RE-CAP) are slated to be shown on Romulus cable television tomorrow.

Cable Commissioner Gwen Sibert said the RECAP video will be telecast at both 6 and 9:45 p.m. Thursday, while the EDS video will be shown at 9

The EDS video is reportedly an overview of injection wells in general and the RE-CAP video contains interviews with local residents on the is-

Football coach named for '94

Jim Zoltowski, the 1993 Romulus Assistant Varsity Football Coach, has been named varsity coach for 1994 Eagles squad, Athletic Director Jesse Meriweather revealed this week.

Zoltowski, who also is a school security guard, played high school football for Milan High School. He formerly served as assistant football coach at Wayne Memorial High School.

Meriweather said that Zoltowski is currently attending Madonna University in Livonia in search of a general science teaching degree.

Zoltowski reportedly is planning a weight lifting program next summer prior to the 1994 football season.

The possibility also remains that Romulus High School may be in the recently organized MEGA League.

Movie auditions planned in city

A search for male African American identical twins and triplets between the ages of 2 and 4 is now be conducted by Paramount Pictures and Brody and Schroeder Casting.

The children, who need no movie training skills, will star in an upcoming feature film.

"We will also see boys, who are not twins and are between the ages of 2 and 4," a spokesman said, "if they are exceptionally outgoing and have a fearless personality.

Auditions will be from 10:30 until 2 p.m. Dec. 19 at the Marriott Courtyard at 30653 Flynn Dr. in Romulus.

Parents must bring a recent photo to the session. All calls should be directed to 1-312-527-4831. Interested parties are urged not to call the hotel.

Hoop winners named

Thirty six area youths took part recently in the Romulus Parks and Recreation Department annual Thanksgiving Day free throw basketball shoot out.

The winner in the age 8-11 category was John Penn, making nine of 10 possible free throws.

Roy Williams Jr. took the 12-15 age group title with eight out of 10 free throws and Joe Brown won the title for those aged 19 and up by sinking seven out of 10 shots.

The winners each were awarded a free holiday turkey.

Those competing included Joshua and Joseph Brown, Ernest Tolbert, Ronald Buckley, Dean Gee, Demetrius Rakomase, Brandon Williams, Theresa Genaw, Bret Fowler, Nelson Collier, Tony Penn, Jason Tackle, Chuckie Waitanowski, Christina Waj. Charles Hall, Sarah Zeimer, Crystal Mincovsky, Robert Graham, Melvin Stewart, Ron Wolff, Nasaha Tao, Brian Gillian, Javon Brown, John Williams, Jeremy Graham, Lettie Taylor, Duwayne Sandbin. Landry Hooks, Travis Hooks, Tracy Scheaf, Ronald Buckley, Ernest Tolbert and Roy Williams Sr.

Romulus student awarded degree

Mary Alice Smith of Romulus recently was awarded a bachelor of arts degree from Spring Arbor College.



New advisers

Capt. Roger Senn, from left, and his wife, Cecelia, awarded wall plaques to new Salvation Army Advisory Board members recently including David Hudgens, assistant director of the Salvation Army; Debra Hoffman, Romulus School Board trustee; the Rev. J.D. Landis, pastor of the Community United Methodist Church; the Rev. James O'Guin, pastor of the Gateway Assembly of God Church, and Romulus traffic officer Jerome Yoscovits. ANP photo by Ken Garner

Court administrator picked for 34th District

By AL POST ANP Staff Writer

Half of the 34th District Court administrator puzzle was completed Monday, as Chief Judge William J. Szlinis announced Michael W. Ramsey would fill the post left vacant by the resignation of Nancy L. Schuette.

Schuette resigned months ago, following a six month audit of the 34th District Court's financial history by a Michigan Supreme Court financial team and criminal investigation by the Michigan State Police.

Both Schuette and her Deputy Administrator Tammy Riopelle were on paid leave during the half-year probe.

But, area residents, the District Control Unit of the 34th District Court and the Associated Newspapers feel the other half of the equation remains unanswered until the official public release of the findings of the audit and investigation

After the November meeting of the district court group, Huron Township Supervisor Christine Gamber admitted the group was "frustrated" over the lack of disclosure on the audit and criminal investigation report.

"In fact the committee is now questioning what its own role actually is suppose to be," she said.

Romulus Mayor Beverly McAnally, who missed the November meeting, said she still feels it would be prudent for the control unit to appeal to the U.S. District Attorney General's office in Detroit in the continuing effort to obtain the audit and criminal investigation reports.

State Attorney General officials continue to claim that the case is not closed yet, hence the information cannot be released to the public.

Ramsey, currently the court administrator of the 55th Dis-

trict Court in Ingham County. is slated to begin his Romulus job on Jan. 10, 1994.

With 20 years of experience to his credit, Szlinis said, Ramsey has served in a number of positions at the 54-A District Court in Lansing. He also has served as deputy court administrator at the 68th District Court in Flint and served as consultant for the State Court Administrative Of-

Ramsey is a graduate fellow of the Institute for Court Management of the National Center for State Courts.

While Schuette was allowed to resign her court administrator post, Riopelle found her position was abolished.

Riopelle held a press conference in Southgate recently and revealed she was seeking the administrator post herself.

Carol Bowman, head of the court probation department, has served as acting administrator since March.

as adults they face up to life in pleaded guilty to being an acprison on the second-degree

murder charges. When contacted last week, Lovette said he felt "justice was served" with the second degree verdicts. Lovette said he felt Cahalan has an "analyt-

ical mind" and "tried to be fair to all sides in the case." A third defendant, Alan Bradley, 17, also of Detroit,

cessory after the fact in a plea bargain. In exchange, he served as a witness for the

The murder of the Romulus teen also has sparked the creation of a citizens group geared to improving the social, educational and employment conditions of youth in Romulus.

Vote

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Shine said he felt Myler was

honest, polite, and well-

mannered while working at

the Free Press, but admitted he

did not know Myler outside the

If both youths are sentenced

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Ohio residents split \$10 million of the environmental settlement, while lawyers representing the group took the remaining \$5 million.

Vince Schager, EDS operations manager, praised Lilly for the Vickery well informational video, but said much of the information had little to compare with the planned EDS project.

EDS plans only two injection wells not six as they have in Ohio, he said. Local plans call for much less above ground storage.

EDS also plans no lagoons on site there, Schager stressed, and thus there is no need for

John Brimble of the Captain Nemo fast food restaurant in Romulus asked "I have only one question, 'what does Capt. Nemo's have to gain by this

Another speaker Norbert Akins offered a longer state-

ment endorsing the liquid injection well complaining only a "small number of residents" oppose the \$6.1 million well project, which he claims would bring in \$500,000 a year into city revenues for 30 years totaling \$15 million.

Akins also questioned whether the expensive city lawsuit is worth the money, saying \$100,000 has already been set for the legal battle and he estimates another \$500,000 will be needed before a final court decision is

New well site plan promised

By AL POST ANP Staff Writer

A new site plan for the \$6.1 million deep injection well project in Romulus is currently being planned by Environmental Disposal Services, (EDS) Operations Manager Vincent Schager revealed Tuesday. We feel this site plan will

allow residents a clear understanding of the project and the environmental safeguards that are included," Schager said.

"The exaggerated claims of negative impacts to human health and property values can only be answered through a thorough understanding of our project and what it represents," he added.

EDS fully agrees with comments made Monday night regarding the need for proper handling and disposal of hazardous and liquid industrial wastes, he said.

Numerous contaminated sites are present in Romulus right now, including the dump site near Wick Elementary School as a result of past inadequate waste handling procedures, Schager continued.

EDS believes it is these sites which pose a serious threat to human health and the environment and should be the focus of citizens attention, he said.

"The unsupported claims of adverse health affects attributed to the EDS project are both unfounded and a needless distraction to a true understanding of environmental impacts on human health," he

Schager also promised that EDS would have all the funds

in place necessary to properly close the facility prior to the start of well disposal operations next year.

"Hazardous waste operations will further be insured by a \$5 million environmental impairment liability policy to cover any sudden and accidental events," he stressed

Comparisons with the environmental well in Vickery, Ohio are not valid, he said, since the EDS well is regulated by standards that were not in existence at the time of the construction of the Vickery operations over 20 years ago.

Schager said he challenges anyone to provide documentary evidence that any well built with Environmental Protection Agency regulations in place today has ever contaminated an underground source of drinking water.

Letters

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formation and incorrect statements that permeate this debate. It is also distressing that emotional responses based on false concepts are influencing public opinion," Harrison stated.

The professor then stressed, "To my knowledge EDS and their personnel bring many years of responsible and innovative experience to Michi-

He also wrote that tests have shown that, "Southern Michigan has excellent geological formations to receive and contain liquid wastes.'

Harrison said the risk of earthquakes here is extremely low and claims that fluid injection into the Romulus well might trigger an earthquake is 'not realistic.'

Harrison extended an offer to McAnally and the citizens of Romulus "any additional information" requested on the disposal well issue. A complete version of his letter can be found on page A-7 today.

Retire

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cial since January 1989.

Martin began his top city recreational role in 1990 after working for years with the State of Michigan Department of Mental Health.

Martin said he informed McAnally last Monday of his plans to retire next month. That was the day set up by the Romulus City Charter for McAnally (and all sitting mayors, past and future) to inform her appointed department heads as to their employment status for another two years.

Martin said, "There comes a time in everyone's life when they have to make a decision on retirement."

Asked what he thought the major accomplishments of the recreation department were during his tenure, Martin listed the creation of Romulus Historic Park; a tot lot play area on Beverly Road; the expansion of the city Meals on Wheels program for senior citizens and the purchase of passenger vehicles to transport children and senior citizens to recreational or entertainment events.

Other upgrades also are being planned for the future, he said. They include the purchase of new playground equipment for Cordell Park; a new transportation van for youth and senior citizens; a 77

There comes a time in everyone's life when they have to make a decision on retirement.

- Duwayne Martin

possible new city park on eight acres of property expected to be donated to the city by the Romulus Salvation Army and the expected new black topping of the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) bike way in Romulus.

The bike way plan is currently being negotiated between MDOT and the city of

The state apparently is willing to repave the 8-10 foot wide bike path if the city will assume the maintenance responsibilities. At least one city, Monroe, has rejected the offer. Romulus is still studying the offer since it is heavily used by Romulus bikers, joggers and walkers, Martin said.

Martin said he is proud that he has been able to both serve McAnally and residents of the city during his tenure as recreation and parks director.

Upon retirement, Martin said he hopes to increase his efforts with The First Baptist Church and to continue working on the Mayor's Drug Task

ROMULUS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO INSTITUTE A CHANGE IN THE SUMMER PROPERTY TAX LEVY AND A PUBLIC MEETING FOR ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION OF SUMMER TAXES

PUBLIC ACT 333 OF 1982 REQUIRES SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARINGS ON CHANGES IN SUMMER TAX COLLECTIONS. THIS HEARING WILL BE HELD:

> Tuesday, December 21, 1993 Board of Education Office 36540 Grant Road Romulus, Michigan 48174 7:00 P.M.

Current tax collection calendar

Summer 50% of school property taxes assessed Winter 50% of school property taxes assessed

Proposed tax collection calendar

Summer 100% of school property taxes assessed Winter No school property taxes assessed

Public Act 333 requires the Board of Education of a school district to adopt a resolution to impose a summer property tax levy of either onehalf or all of school property taxes. For the past several years, the Romulus Board of Education has limited the summer tax levy to onehalf of the assessed school property taxes.

Because of a substantial reduction in millage for local tax collections due to the change in funding for schools, and because of a need to borrow funds for cash flow (projected at 5,000,000 for 1994-95), the Romulus Board of Education is considering a change from the collection of one-half of the assessed school taxes in the summer to the collection of all school taxes in the summer. This action would offset the interest charges incurred by the district for borrowing, and interest losses incurred as a result of the changes in school funding.

The Board of Education will adopt a resolution concerning the summer tax levy change at a meeting which will be held Tuesday, December 21, 1993, in the Administration Building Board Room at 7:00 P.M.

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> Sandra F. Langley, Secretary Romulus Board of Education

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SEND INFORMATION -- Items for the "Community Calendar should be submitted in writing no later than noon Thursday to Community Calendar, Associated Newspapers, P.O. Box 578, Wayne, Mich. 48184 Each calendar event should be listed on a separate piece of paper. For more information, phone our news room at 729-4000



CLUBS, GROUPS

ROMULUS HUNTER SAFETY COURSES -- will be of fered at the Wayne Country Sportsman's club in conjunction with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. Classes scheduled for 8 a.m. on Saturdays and 9 a.m. on Sundays are scheduled Jan. 22 and 23, Feb. 26 and 27, March 26 and April 23 and 24 and May 21 and 22. To qualifty for a Michigan Safe Hunter Certificate, a participant must attend all sessions, both days on one of the week-ends and must successfully complete an examination at the end of the class sessions. There is a \$6 fee for the sessions. Information and registration forms are available from Bill Miller at 532-0285

THE WAYNE WESTLAND SOCCER LEAGUE- is sponsoring a soccer referee class in Westland from Jan. 10 through 26 on Mondays and Wednesdays. Individuals 11 through adults are needed. For more information, phone John Emmerd at

TRI-COUNTY OPTIMIST CLUB-- of Belleville, Sumpter and Van Buren townships will meet at 7:15 a.m. every Tuesday at the Reflections Lakeview. For additional information on the club or the breakfast meetings, phone

WAYNE-WESTLAND YMCA-Christmas Craft Show/Bake Sale is planned from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. Dec.

11 at the facility, located at 827 South

Wayne Road in Westland, Information is available at 721-7044. THE VETERANS OF FOR-

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Road in Westland will be the site of a Red Cross Blood Drive from 1 until 7 p.m. Dec. 20. The drive is planned in anticipation of a greater need for blood usually experienced during the holiday period. Walk-in donors are welcome or phone 427-3223 for an appointment

MANIC DEPRESSIVE AND DEPRESSIVE RAP GROUP

members will meet from 7:30 until 9:30 p.m. the first and third Thursday of the month at the Harrison Center at Maplewood and Harrison Road in Garden City. More information is available at 981-5936 or 532-4217.

THE SENIOR ALLIANCE EM-PLOYMENT PROGRAM -- US looking for low- income seniors, 55 or older, who would enjoy working with children. Part-time jobs are available for low income men and women 55 and older through the Senior Community Service Employment Program. For more information, phone Diane at 722-2830.

RAILROADIANA -- Buy and swap toys and trains from noon until 4 p.m. Dec. 19 at SS, Simon and Jude Church located at 32500 Palmer Road in Westland. To register for

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FOSTER FAMILIES ARE SOUGHT -- for special needs children in Wayne County who suffer from abuse and neglect. A growing number of these children are infants and toddlers. The number of children entering the system is rising to 250 each month. Those families who can offer special understanding and quality care and are interested in becoming foster parents can obtain information at Lutheran Social Services, 423-2760 from 8:30 until 5

THE HOSPICE OF SOUTH. EASTERN MICHIGAN- is offering grief support groups for individuals recovering from the loss of a loved one. The group meets in Belleville from 7:30 until 9:30 the first and third Tuesdays of the month at the First United Methodist Church, 417 Charles St. For more informa-

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BENNY AND THE JETS AN-NUAL CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY-- is planned for 2 until 9 p.m. Dec. 19 at Reisers Keyboard Lounge, 1870 South Wayne Road in Westland. For information phone 728-9330

FIRST STEP -- a domestic violence crisis shelter is offering two new programs. A Violence Intervention Program for men who batter and First Step for Children which offers group counseling for children who have witnessed violence or are living in violent homes. First Step has moved new offices at 44978 Ford Road, Suite C, Canton Township. Information about the program is avail-

HOSPICE SERVICES -- members are seeking volunteers to work as part of the hospice team in caring

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for terminally ill patients throughout western Wayne and parts of Oakland and Washtenaw counties. Two eightweek training classes are available beginning in mid- September, Information is available from Yvonne Strand or Flo Pulford at 522-4244.

FOSTER PARENTING CLASSES—are being offered at Youth Living Centers on Tuesdays and Thursdays. For further information, phone Noreen Green at

ANNAPOLIS HOSPITAL OF WAYNE -- is seeking adult volunteers for patient care, clerical, bingo, gift cart and gift shop. For an appli-cation call 467-4168.

CHADD OF NORTHWEST WAYNE COUNTY- a non-profit parent-based organization formed to better the lives of individuals with attention deficit disorders and those who care for them meets the first Thursday of every month at the Livonia Civic Center Library. Parents, educators and the medical community members are welcome. The next meeting will begin at 7:30 Jan. 6. Information is available at 380-0847.

ROMULUS QUILTING CLASS- from 7 to 9:30 p.m. every Thursday in the Romulus Recreation Building. Quilters from beginners to advanced are invited to attend. \$1 fee per evening. No advance registration is required. For more information call 942-6852

CANTON DEMOCRATIC CLUB-- members meet the fourth Wednesday of the month at Cherry Hill School, corner of Ridge and Cherry Hill roads in Canton Township. For more information call 397-0545

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CITY OF ROMULUS MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL HELD **NOVEMBER 22, 1993 IN THE ROMULUS** CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Randolph Gear, Chairman Pro Tem

Present: Bergeron, Gear, Pennington, Raspberry, Wadsworth

Absent: None Excused: Banks, Lambert

Administrative Officials in Attendance:

Beverly McAnally, Mayor Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk James Napiorkowski, Treasurer

Motion by Bergeron, supported by Wadsworth to accept the agenda as

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Bergeron, Gear, Pennington, Raspberry, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously. 93-455

2A. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Bergeron to approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held on November 9, 1993. Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Bergeron, Gear, Pennington, Raspberry, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously. 93-456

3A. Motion by Pennington, supported by Wadsworth to concur with the request of the Planning Commission, PC-027-10-93 and introduce Appendix A, Zoning Amendment 1.130,, an ordinance to amend the official zoning map of the City of Romulus, by the rezoning of DP #2-99-19-000, a 4.6 acre parcel of property located on the north side of Beverly Road between Cordell and Inkster Roads from M-1 (Light Industrial to R1B (Single Family Residential).

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Bergeron, Pennington, Raspberry, Wadsworth. Nays - Gear. Motion Carried. 93-457

3B. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Pennington to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission, PC-026-10-93 and introduce Appendix A, Zoning Amendment 1.131, an ordinance to amend the official zoning map of the City of Romulus, by the rezoning of DP #130-99-011-000, a 1.3799 acre parcel of property located on the southeast corner of Eureka and Wahrman Roads from M-1 (Light Industrial) to C-3 (Highway Service).

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Bergeron, Gear, Pennington, Raspberry, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously. 93-458

4A. Motion by Raspberry, supported by Pennington to concur with the recommendation of City Attorney Edward Salah of Cummings, Mc-Clorey, Davis & Acho and authorize the attorney to proceed as directed in the case of Baileys Towing vs City of Romulus.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Bergeron, Gear, Pennington, Raspberry, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously. 4. Motion by Bergeron, supported by Raspberry to accept the Chair-

person's Report. Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Bergeron, Gear, Pennington, Raspberry, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

5. Motion by Bergeron, supported by Raspberry to concur with the recommendation of the Mayor Beverly McAnally and approve the Mayors Consent Agenda 5A1 through 5A7, with 5A6 being acted upon separate, as follows:

5A1. To appoint the following Ms. Sadie Ward with the term to expire on June 24, 1997 and Mr. Donald Morris with the term to expire on June 24, 1996 to the Officers Compensation Commission. 93-460

5A2. To grant authorization to let bids for Water/Sewer Equipment. 93-461 5A3. To grant authorization to update the unit count for the monthly

charge for rubbish removal with BFI from 5,059 to 5,903 as the basis for the monthly charges beginning December 1, 1993.

93-462

5A4. To grant the request to purchase seven (7) patrol cars under the Oakland County Bid from Buff Whelan Chevrolet at a total cost of \$94,087.77

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5A5. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Raspberry to introduce Budget Amendment 93/94-3 as follows:

FUND/DEPT: ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMEND- MENT	AMENDED BUDGET
COMMUNITY DEVE	LOPMENT GRANTS	3		
252-000.00-761.100	88-24-NS-12E	0	27,126,47	27,126,47
252-000.00-749.150	89-24-NS-05	0	2,014.08	2,014.08
252-000.00-749,160	89-24-NS-05	0	2,000.00	2,000.00
252-000.00-759.300	90-24-NS-03I	0	4,999.90	4,999.90
252-000.00-747.131	91-24-NS-03B	0	7,209.65	7.209.65
252-000.00-749.220	91-24-NS-05C	0	4.184.18	4,184.18
252-000.00-749.230	91-24-NS-05I	0	0.43	0.43
252-000.00-747.150	91-24-NS-16B	0	1.500.00	1,500.00
252-000.00-747.160	91-24-NS-16B	0	1,500.00	1,500.00
252-000.00-759.500	92-24-NS-03I	0	44,546,39	44,546.39
252-000.00-757.110	92-24-NS-04	0	20,000.00	20,000.00
252-000.00-749.280	92-24-NS-05N	0	750.00	750.00
252-000.00-749.290	92-24-NS-05O	0	725.00	725.00
	AVAILABLE	APPROPRIATE	REMAINE	NG BALANCE

16,337 To establish contract balance per FY 92/93 audit and record transfer of program income to Street

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Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Bergeron, Gear, Pennington, Raspberry, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously. 93-464

5A7. To approve the Interfund Debt Repayment schedule through June 30, 1993. A copy in its entirety is on file in the City Clerk's office. Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Bergeron, Gear, Pennington, Raspberry, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously. 5B. No action taken.

5A6. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Raspberry to introduce Budget Amendment 93/94-4 as follows:

ACCOUNT NO.	NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMEND- MENT	AMENDED BUDGET
ELECTIONS				
101-191.00-970.000 FINANCE	Capital Outlay	170,000	(20,000)	150,000
101-223.00-702.000	Salaries & Wages	267,041	(7,000)	260,041
RECREATION 101-691.00-970.000	Capital Outlay	62,000	(55,000)	7,000
CONTINGENCY 101-941.00-959.000	Contingency	232,000	(18,000)	214,000
LEGAL 101-210.00-806.000	General Municipal	85,000	100,000	185,000
To appropriate addition	onal funds for legal fees r	esulting from injecti	on well litigation	

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Gear, Pennington, Raspberry, Wadsworth. Nayes - Bergeron. Motion Carried.

5. Motion by Bergeron, supported by Wadsworth to accept the Mayor's Report. Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Bergeron, Gear, Pennington, Raspbe-

rry, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously. 93-466 6A1. Motion by Bergeron, supported by Pennington to concur with the

recommendation of the Property Disposition Committee and authorize the city to do the legal work for sale of city owned lots 44, 45, 46, 47 Block 23, the Junction Subdivision, to Peoples Community Hope for Homes for \$1,200.00

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Bergeron, Gear, Pennington, Raspberry, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously. 93-467

6A2. Motion by Raspberry, supported by Bergeron to concur with the recommendation of the Property Disposition Committee that Lots 65, S 1/2 Lot 66, Lots 68 and 69 from Bid #93-15 be awarded to Mr. Sterling White in the amount of \$1,320.00.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Bergeron, Gear, Pennington, Raspberry, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously. 93-468

9. Motion by Pennington, supported be Bergeron to issue a No Fee Permit to the Romulus Goodfellows for their annual fund raiser to be held December 3-4, 1993.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Bergeron, Gear, Pennington, Raspberry, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously. 93-469

11. Motion by Bergeron, supported by Wadsworth to approve the payment of Warrant #93-22 in the total amount of Five Hundred Five Thousand, Eight Hundred and Ninety Eight Dollars and Seventy Seven Cents (\$505,898.77).

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Bergeron, Gear, Pennington, Raspberry, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

12. Motion by Bergeron, supported by Wadsworth, pursuant to Article 6, Section 6.5 of the Romulus City Charter and P.A. 267 of 1976, Michigan Open Meeting Act to convene into an Executive Session for the purpose of discussing federal sewer matters.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Bergeron, Gear, Pennington, Raspberry, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

12B. Motion by Raspberry, supported by Pennington to adjourn the Executive Session and reconvene to the regular meeting. Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Bergeron, Gear, Pennington, Raspberry, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

93-470

12C1. Motion by Pennington, supported by Wadsworth to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the Downriver Sewage Disposal System 1993 Financing Plan and Court Order, subject to the review and

approval of the City Attorney. Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Bergeron, Gear, Pennington, Raspberry, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

93-471 12C2. Motion by Pennington, supported by Wadsworth to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the consent decree regarding the improvement of the Downriver Wastewater Treatment Plant in Wyandotte, Michigan, subject to the review and approval of the City Attorney. Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Bergeron, Gear, Pennington, Raspberry, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

93-472 12C3. Motion by Pennington, supported by Wadsworth to adopt a resolution authorizing the County of Wayne to act on behalf of the City of Romulus for the acquisition of State Revolving Funding for local

improvements. Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Bergeron, Gear, Pennington, Raspberry, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

12D. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Raspberry, pursuant to Article 6, Section 6.5 of the Romulus City Charter and P.A. 267 of 1976, Michigan Open Meeting Act to convene into an Executive Session for the purpose of discussing pending legal matters.

rry, Wadsworth, Nays - None, Motion Carried Unanimously. 12E. Motion by Pennington, supported by Bergeron to adjourn the Executive Session and reconvene to the regular meeting.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Bergeron, Gear, Pennington, Raspbe-

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Bergeron, Gear, Pennington, Raspberry, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously. 93-473

12F. Motion by Pennington, supported by Bergeron to concur with the recommendation of the City Attorney Stuart Treger of Berry, Francis, Seifman, Salamey & Harris in the case of City of Romulus vs Edward

Fall subject to the change of not allowing nay vehicular traffic on Birchdale. Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Bergeron, Gear, Pennington, Raspbe-

rry, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously. 13. Motion by Raspberry, supported by Bergeron to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Bergeron, Gear, Pennington, Raspberry, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously,

Respectfully submitted, Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk City of Romulus, Michigan

I, Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held November 22, Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk

City of Romulus, Michigan

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Chief denies job offer

By TOM MOORADIAN ANP Staff Writer

Inkster Police Chief Terry Colwell on Thursday said that he "is flattered that my name has surfaced," but that there wasn't any truth to the rumor he is one of several candidates scheduled to be interviewed for the job of Romulus police chief.

"It is flattering that someone would mention my name in connection with the job over there," said Colwell, who has been in law enforcement for the past 24 1/2 years and a Vietnam War veteran. "But it just isn't true.

"The mayor (Beverly McAnally) is a wonderful person, and the job over there would be a challenging one. However, there absolutely is no basis for the rumor that I'm interested."

The police chief's position in Romulus was vacated last week when McAnally failed to reappoint Fred Dansby. Under the Romulus City Charter, the police chief is considered a department head and serves at the will of the mayor.

When asked why Dansby wasn't reappointed, the mayor informed The Romulus Roman, "I don't have to give one. It is within my power according to the City Charter.'

A retired city of Westland Police Chief, Dansby was appointed in 1988 to serve as police chief by McAnally. He took control of the department in January of 1989 from Charles Wilmot, who also is a former Westland Police Chief.

Dansby was not available for comment. But according to sources within the department, the former police chief was "shocked" and "was not aware that he would not be reappointed to the job.'

The 46-year-old Colwell knows the area well. He was raised in Inkster and attended Cherry Hill High School, and launched his police career in the late 1960s, moving into the front lines as a patrolman to the detective bureau. He served as a sergeant and was promoted to lieutenant in the uniform division before made the deputy chief to former Inkster Police Chief James Buck-



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Tax bills cause

As property owners receive their tax bills this month, there is some confusion as to why taxes for schools are included in the bill in light of the new law exempting property from school millages.

Current tax bills are for the 1993 tax year. The taxes are

The man in blue could be a Drug Awareness Resistance Education (DARE) officer, a member of a mini-station staff, a patrolman on regular duty or an officer or police chief who has extended a helping hand to youngsters. The nominee could be an officer who has provided a rescue or emergency aid in the line of duty.

Nominations may be submitted only by school-age youngsters, and should be mailed to Top Cop, Associated Newspapers, 35540 Michigan Ave., Wayne, Mich. 48184. Those submitting nominations should include their name, address, age and school.

confusion

due on or before Feb. 14, 1994, according the Michigan Department of Treasury.

The property tax cut contained in the new law takes effect Jan. 1, 1994, and applies to the 1994 tax year. Summer and winter tax bill next year will reflect the lower property tax.

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Look into the future

Local clinic provides vision care for patients of all ages

By MARGO DEWEY ANP Deputy News Editor

Looking into the future of eye technology, wearers of contact lenses and glasses are in for more than just a focus on affordable care.

Today, businesses such as The Vision Center are offering flexible glasses with frames that can bend 180 degrees, disposable contact lenses of rainbow colors and exam



Dr. Brian Pierce listens as a patient describes her vision problems. ANP photo by Ken Garner

equipment that can provide a lengthy readout of every facet of the eye, according to Dr. Thomas Cassidy and Dr. Brian Pierce, owners of The Vision Center in Canton Township,

43050 Ford Road. "We have about 700 frames here including designer name brands at affordable costs," said Pierce. "We also offer visual therapy or what is called vision exercises for children. And, we have free vision examinations for children and in-

The exams for children are available for those 6 months old to 2 to 3 years old, according to Cassidy.

Basically the examination involves looking at their gross motor skills to see if they can follow some targets with their eyes," Pierce said. "We also look inside the eye to make sure it's healthy."

The Vision Center also has patterned charts to test the eye movement of children.

"Each card has different stripes or patterns," Pierce said. "Children like to look at colors or patterns. As we flip to the different charts, if they can't see the pattern or colors that are there, then there may be a problem.'

One method to correct the

vision problem is to have the child wear glasses, according to Pierce.

"You can shine a light in their eye and get an idea of their prescription," Pierce said. "If there is a big difference between the two eyes or a real high prescription is necessary, then the infant may need glasses. But, it's pretty rare for an infant to wear

Cassidy said if an infant is a little near-sighted or a little far- sighted, it's really nothing to be alarmed about.

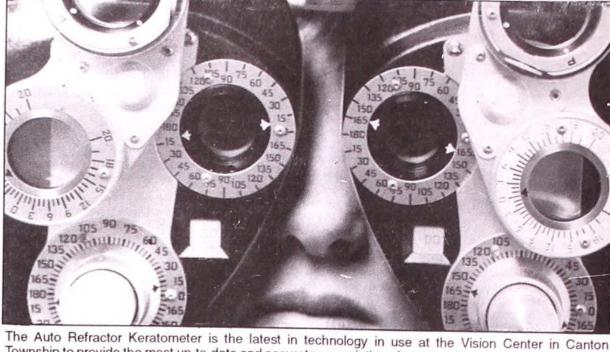
"What we try to look at is the big difference, if there is one. between the two eyes," Cassidy

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a patient's eye telling us what the prescription is and also tells us the size of the patient's eyes," Cassidy said. "Our technicians carry out these tests on the patients.

"It's a good documentation, especially for children because you can follow how their eyes change over the years."

Cassidy said The Vision Center also has a more advanced machine to implement glaucoma tests.

"It has less of a harsh puff for the eye," Cassidy said. "It takes about a half hour for an eye examination. Sometimes the exam may take an hour. We are very thorough here."

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Cassidy and Pierce are both residents of Canton Township. Cassidy received his degree from Ferris State University, College of Optometry in 1984. Pierce graduated with honors from Ferris State University in

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Fashions provided with flair in Inkster

By JOAN DYER-ZINNER News Editor

Inside a beautifully decorated store on Michigan and Inkster roads are exquisite, designer-style, one-of-a-kind dresses - just the styles to make an impression at a pre-Christmas cocktail party or a New Year's Eve reception.

The array of holiday dresses and career clothing at the Fashion Gallery in Inkster includes two-piece and threepiece ensembles plus pant outfits and accessories - all with surprisingly low price tags. "We are celebrating our grand opening this month," said owner Yung Endyk, who opened the store at 27456 Michigan after being in another location.

We have sizes for large women as well as smaller sizes," she said. "Many woman are

very happy to find our selection of larger-sized clothing because it is difficult for them to find designer clothing in their

The clothes at Fashion Gallery are fashions that will remain in style for many seasons. Fashions that Yung Endyk describes as "European style and French style.."

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Honorable Beverly McAnally Mayor, City of Romulus 11111 Wayne Road Romulus, Michigan 48174

Dear Mayor McAnally,

I feel compelled to write to you regarding Environmental Disposal Systems Well 1-20, the new deep injection well for hazardous wastewater disposal sited in Romulus.

I have been a Michigan resident for over 20 years and feel very strongly that protection of our quality environment in Michigan should be a priority. Rational thought and planning, coupled with innovative technology and resource utilization can be our best ally in the pursuit of environmental protection.

My position as Professor of Geology and Director of the Michigan Basin Core Research Laboratory gives me a broad perspective and extensive database to analyze and interpret Michigan's geology and resources. As director of the Core Laboratory, I have participated in and supervised numerous studies of Michigan geology, including a statewide assessment of the "Basal Sandstone" Mt. Simon Formation as a potential unit for wastewater injection and confinement. This is the rock strata involved in the well in Romulus. This assessment was part of a four-state north central region study commissioned by the Underground Injection Practices Council and funded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The report of this study, published in 1989, is entitled, "Hydrogeologic and Hydrochemical Assessment of the Basal Sandstone and Overlying Paleozoic Age Units for Wastewater Injection and Confinement in the North Central Region." In the preface of this document, the Underground Injection Practices Council states that,

The practice of deep well disposal of liquid waste has been, is currently, and will likely remain, an important part of the overall solution to proper disposal of hazardous and non-hazardous wastes. In that light, this report should serve as a valuable tool for persons concerned with the placement and use of deep well disposal systems.

This report is available from the Groundwater Protection Council in Oklahoma. Seventy-seven wells were used in this study, including six from Wayne County. I have also examined all the geologic data from the Romulus well and find it to be consistent with our previous study.

I have followed the community and media debate about this facility since I attended a public information session at Romulus High School in October. I must say that I am shocked by the misinformation and incorrect statements that permeate this debate. Several published media articles have quoted scientists, like Dr. Arnold Bouma of Louisiana State University and Dr. Donald Stierman of the University of Toledo, with seemingly valid comments that use innuendo and generalization to cast doubt on the safety of a well like the Romulus project. If you examine the credentials of these reputable scientists you will find that they do not have any experience in Michigan geology or the specifics of underground injection wells in the region. I would consider their comments irrelevant to the issues of Michigan. It is also distressing that emotional responses based on false concepts are influencing public opinion. Because of the recent public concern for the safety of this well and your responsibility as a civic leader, I am sure that you want to be well informed on the scientific issues about this disposal well.

Several important questions need to be asked by anyone purporting to make an informed judgment about the safety of underground injection technology, in general, and the Romulus well, in particular.

- 1. Does the operating company have a corporate history of reliable and responsible operation of similar facilities? Do they have the technical expertise necessary to do the job properly? This can be easily determined from records kept by state and federal permitting agencies. New permits are not issued to irresponsible companies. To my knowledge, Environmental Disposal Systems and their personnel bring many years of responsible and innovative experience in Michigan and other areas to the Romulus project.
- 2. Are the geologic conditions proper for the type of installation being developed? Can the waste be effectively confined to the injection layer? Is the region prone to earthquakes or other natural disasters that might put the injection well at risk? The Underground Injection Practices Council report cited above carefully addressed these questions. I have enclosed a copy of the conclusions of this report for your information. It indicates that southern Michigan has excellent geologic formations to receive and contain liquid wastes. The injection formation is thousands of feet below the thin, near-surface, drinking water aquifer. The risk of earthquakes has been examined and is

extremely low to non-existent in southern Michigan. The suggestion by Professor Stierman (University of Toledo) that fluid injection into the Romulus well might trigger local earthquakes like those in Rangely, Colorado is not realistic. The geology in Colorado is vastly different than in Michigan. The Rangely area contains regionally stressed, highly fractured granite that had a long earthquake history prior to wastewater injection. Michigan's rocks are not under those types of stresses and contain almost no fractures. Breaking strength tests have been performed on various Michigan strata and suggest that forces much higher than the proposed injection pressures would be necessary to rupture the rocks.

It is my fervent hope that rational and measured thought go into every decision that we make. This can only be achieved by education and a conscious effort to avoid emotional responses that cloud our judgment. It is also important that hidden agendas not be promulgated in the guise of public good. I teach my students to acquire all the relevant facts, ignore the irrevelant ones and form a logical opinion. I would be happy to provide you with any additional information so that you and the citizens of Romulus can make the best decision about the deep disposal well. I hope that you do not let a small vocal, uninformed minority dictate decisions that may not represent the best interests of the entire community. Thank you for your time in reading this letter.

Sincerely,

William B. Harrison, III

Professor and Director Michigan Basin Core Research Laboratory

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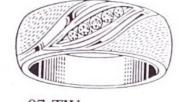
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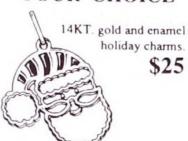
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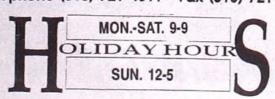


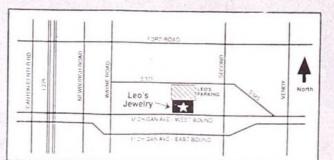
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Sweeping success

Teachers' and custodial salaries are nearly equal in area districts

The value of a dollar is a lesson learned by both those who graduate from college and those who called it quits after high school.

Based on numbers supplied by many local school districts, starting custodians, with a high school diploma, are worth almost as much as starting teachers who are required to have a four-year college degree and certification. In some cases the difference in wages is less than \$1 per hour.

Starting teachers in Plymouth-Canton school district begin at \$28,925 with a bachelor's degree and no teaching experience in the district according to Errol Goldman, assistant superintendent for employee relations, while a first-year teacher with a masters degree begins at \$31,821.

Teachers then receive pay raises based on negotiations between the Plymouth-Canton school board and the Plymouth-Canton Education Association. As they remain in the district each year, teachers see an increase in pay according to their years of service and education.

"The teachers move up steps," said Goldman "based on the number of years they stay in the district. First year teachers with a BA (bachelor of arts degree) returning next year will move up to step two at \$32,376."

Teachers returning to the Plymouth-Canton school district as a second year educator with a master's degree also move up to step two with a \$35,755 salary.

Statistics indicate 1992 - 1993 starting custodians earned \$11.20 per hour for the first three months. After 90 days, the wage increased to \$12.86 per hour, giving a beginning custodian a \$23,894 salary.

Like the teachers, custodians move up a step each year they serve the school district, but negotiations between the Plymouth-Canton school board and custodial union use a flat rate increase based solely on years of service. Education does not play a role, even if the

person holds a degree.
"Of course we want the most qualified person we can get," said Goldman, "but the candidate doesn't need prior experience, only a high school diploma."

Teachers move up the steps over a nine-year period until they reach their maximum monetary amount. Veteran teachers maintaining a four-year degree peaked at \$48,063 this year, while teachers with a masters degree peaked at \$56,409 and teachers with a masters degree and 30 years service made \$57,409.

Although Wayne-Westland teachers must receive a secondary education in college, obtaining a bachelor's or master's degree and a teacher's certification, teachers starting salaries do not differ greatly from the starting pay rate of district custodians, according to figures obtained from Wayne-Westland Superintendent of Employee Services Bill Taylor.

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grees is \$27,620 while starting salaries for school custodians is \$25,916.

If directly hired from outside the district union, which rarely happens according to Taylor, head custodians can start at \$27,788, bypassing the starting salary of a teacher with a bachelor's degree. However, Taylor added, teachers with prior work experience have negotiable starting salaries and teachers with master's degrees start at \$30,515. More than 80 percent of Wayne-Westland teachers have a master's degrees, Taylor added.

While custodians work 40 hours a week, district teachers work "40 hours plus" per week, Taylor said. Custodians also receive time and a half for overtime hours worked, unlike teachers.

Teachers wages eventually outweigh custodial salaries. Taylor stressed that rate of pay for custodians differs from teachers because custodians receive raises over a four-year period, teachers with bachelor's degrees receive raises over a 10-year period and teachers with master's degrees receive raises over an 11-year

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period, Taylor said

While custodians receive a maximum pay of \$36,470, teachers with a bachelor's degree receive up to \$47,025 after 10 years and teachers with master's degrees receive raises for about 11 years totaling a maximum of \$55,395. Teacher salary increases total

5 to 7 percent per year depending on each teacher's experience.

"It's like comparing apples to oranges. Teachers receive pay raises up to 11 years and custodians get to the top after four years," Taylor said.

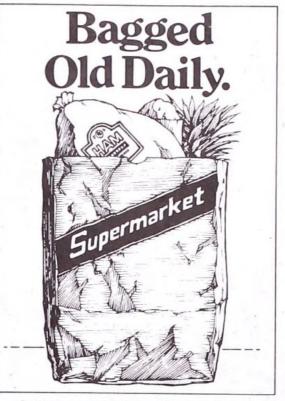
"Custodians have not had a pay raise since the 1991/92 school year. The ASCME union has been without a contract for almost two years," Taylor ad-

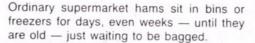
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A grand visit

Martial arts expert shares techniques with local students

By MARGO DEWEY Deputy News Editor

More than 70 black-belt students at Kicks Tae Kwon Do in Wayne to received a day of instruction with one of the highest-ranking martial artists in the world last week.

Grand Master Hae Man Park visited Kicks owners Ron and Chris Rose Dec. 4 from Seoul, Korea. Park is a ninthdegree black belt, according to Ron Rose.

"He was here for all of my black-belt students throughout the day," Rose said. "He also gave some instructions to the youngster students. "They were all definitely excited about this opportunity to have someone of Hae Man Park's caliber. We received nothing but positive comments."

He is an excellent instructor.

- Ron Rose

Park travels around the world teaching martial arts. He is considered the forms expert for the World Tae Kwon Do Federation, according to

"He gave a few instructions on improving the students 'Poomse', patterns of defense movement,'' Rose said. "Poomse is part of the Kicks students' year-round curriculum. We train them extensively with the movements."

Rose said Park unites people around the world with the proper movements and execution of Poomse. Rose was first

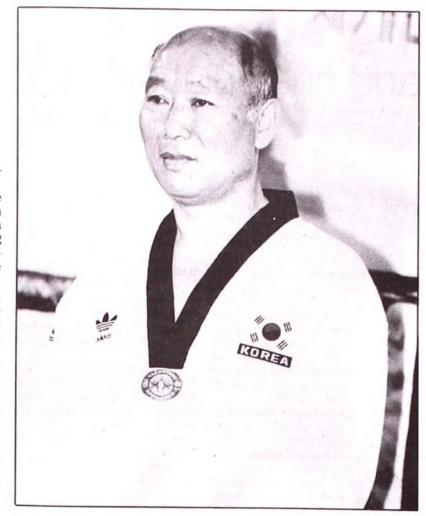
introduced to the grand master by his instructor.

"I met him in Florida," Rose said. "I have trained with him around the country. His main emphasis is with practicing and understanding the techniques and application of the martial arts.

Rose said Park has invited him to travel with him to Spain next June where he will be conducting another martial arts seminar.

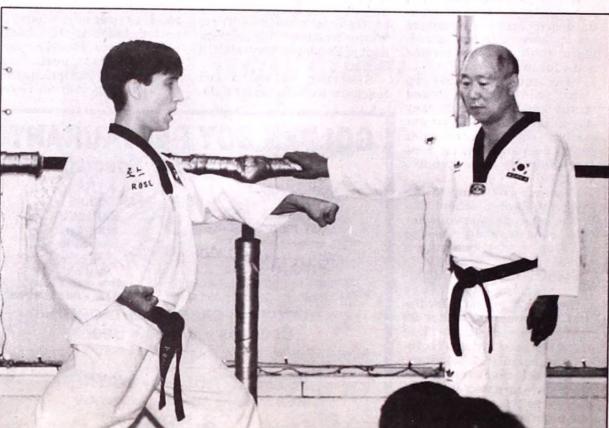
"He is an excellent instructor, one of the best in the world," Rose said. "He travels to a different city every day to teach students. He is very dedicated."

This was Park's second visit to Kicks Tae Kwon Do. The only other Tae Kwon Do studio he visited in Michigan was in Jackson.



Grand Master Hae Man Park (left) travels to a different city every day in order to bring about unity with the techniques of martial arts, according to Kicks Tae Kwon Do owner Ron Rose. Park has asked Rose's son Paul (bottom) to compete in an international Tae Kwon Do competition in England next April. Park assisted Chris Rose (bottom left) with a few 'Poomse', patterns of defense, movements. ANP photo by DiVizio/ chief photographer







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Rockets blast off into title orbit

By TOM MOORADIAN ANP Staff Writer

With 6-5 senior forward Tony Goins at the controls, the Westland John Glenn High School Rockets blasted into orbit Friday night. They began their long trek for a basketball title with an impressive win over host, Ypsilanti.

Although one game doesn't a season make, the Rockets 80-65 victory over a traditionally powerful Ypsilanti on the home court of the Braves undeniably shows that sophomore Glenn coach Mike Schuette has assembled a team that will compete for the Western Lakes Conference.

Glenn, with the likes of Goins, 6-11 junior center Guy Rucker, and sharpshooting Savon Hubbard, is expected to go beyond the conference realm and play a dominant role in the playoffs.

Goins pumped in 11 of his game-high 29 points in the first period to stake the Rockets to a 27-13 lead that coach Bob Rowley and his Braves never really challenged. Rowley was also very much impressed with the 1993 Rockets

"They (Glenn) are an excellent team. We're a little short on manpower - and it showed Friday night," Rowley added.

Glenn built up a 15-point cushion (45-30) at halftime, as Rucker and Hubbard joined the shooting range. In fact, if it had not been for Ypsilanti senior guard Jason Lamar's outstanding play, the Braves could have been put away much earlier.

Lamar sank 28 points for the evening, high score for his team.

Ypsi attempted to cool the Rockets after the initial half with a variety of zones in the third quarter, but Hubbard quickly displayed that Glenn also has a capable three-point shooter. Among his 15- points, Hubbard counted four treys.

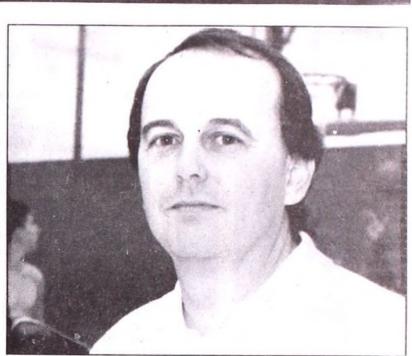
Seated upon a 15-point cushion most of the evening, Schuette could afford to use his bench indiscriminately.

The biggest Glenn lead, 55-32, dwindled when the Braves managed to score nine straight points, closing the gap, 59-43. But Rucker came back with a tap-in to break the spell and the Rockets finished up their work with little sweat.

The Rockets had balanced scoring in their debut thanks to Goins (29), Rucker (16) and Hubbard (15). Al Jones, a sophomore, added 10 for the Rockets who capitalized on 20 of 29 free throws as compared to the Braves four of 17.

Glenn also dominated the boards, 39-31. Goins and Washington each had eight, and Rucker collected six.

Before they go on their holiday break, the Westlanders have a date to play at Warren Mott Thursday night.



Wayne breaks Canton press

By TOM MOORADIAN ANP Staff Writer

Plymouth-Canton brought out the long-range artillery in hopes of shooting down a highflying Wayne Memorial High School basketball team, and coach Dave VanWagoner's strategy almost worked.

For most of three quarters, the Chiefs had Wayne on the ropes, but Wayne managed to come off and win the season opener, 82-74.

"We stood toe-to-toe most of the way," said VanWagoner, "however, they figured out how to break our press. That was definitely a factor in this

Wayne coach Chuck Henry said that it was a case where "Canton relied on the three (three-pointers) and we on the layup. And the layup won."

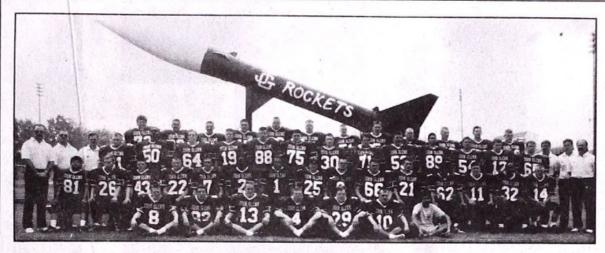
The Wayne transition game got into fast gear midway in the third quarter. After trailing Canton 22-14 and 41-37 after the first two periods, the Zebras outscored their visitors 24-14, with the help of an 18-5 run, to take the lead. In that run, Gerald Adams scored nine of his team-high 24 points.

But Canton, cranked up Matt Paupore's three-pointers, came back and made it close, however the Chiefs never again saw the lead.

Wayne failed to stop Paupore who scored a game-high 31 points and made six threepointers. Ryan Ostach and Ted Docks split 22 points for the Chiefs who made 18 of 27 at the free-throw line.

Canton bounced back at the expense of Monroe to win its first of the season, 71-67, as Paupore pumped in 25 points six of those were treys. In fact, the Chiefs carded eight treys in the second quarter and managed to come back from a 18-8 deficit to tie the game at 37

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Second-best in Michigan

The 1993 Westland John Glenn High School Rockets proved that they are the best football team in the long high school history. Winning more games than any of their predecessors, coach Chuck Gordon's gridders posted a 11-2 record and reached the Class AA state championship game for the first time before losing the coveted state crown to Dearborn Fordson, 12-7. The Associated Newspapers will salute the Rockets and the top area players next week with their special edition of the All-Area Teams. An unexpected request to include players who live in the area but attend schools outside the ANP circulation area, delayed the final selection. ANP Special

Rocks even record Salem recovers from slow start

You can't blame Plymouth-Salem cage coach Bob Brodie if he wonders aloud which of his teams will show up to play on any given night.

After Salem dropped an embarrassing 76-55 decision to Monroe in their season opener last Tuesday, the Rocks came back and dumped Southfield, 70-56, Friday.

Tomorrow Salem will travel to Ann Arbor Huron for its fourth consecutive road game and the veteran coach is wondering which of his teams will be on the court.

"I don't know whether it was first-game jitters at Monroe or what," Brodie said, "but when you shoot 22 percent and make 25 turnovers, you know something is wrong.

"Then you come back in your next game and beat Southfield by almost the identical score you lost to Monroe by, you just don't know what to think. Are we that good or are we that bad?"

If there was any consistency in the first two Salem games it was provided by 6-6 senior James Head, who has turned in two solid performances at both ends of the court.

Head tossed in six of his 12 points in the first period against Southfield to lift the Rocks to a 20-8 lead that Salem managed to protect, despite the Blue Jays' Charles Cartwright and Paul Hubbard. Both Jays finished in double

Salem parlayed its 12-point, first-quarter lead into a 39-27 advantage at halftime, then went on to outscore their hosts 16-13 in the third period but losing the final period duel, 16-15.

Lamb, a 6-2 senior forward, contributed 12 points and Sanjeev Seth, a 5-10 senior guard, added 10 for the Rocks who shot a little more

game jitters at Monroe or what... - Bob Brodie

I don't know whether it was first-

than .500 percent from the floor (20 of 46) while making 18 of 22 at the free-throw line.

Cartwright wound up with individual scoring honors with 16. Hubbard counted 14 points for

Salem fell behind early against Monroe and struggled to catch up. The Trojans took an early 15-7 lead and turned it to a 33-21 ball game at halftime before outscoring their visitors 17-7 in

Although the Rocks exploded to a 26-point fourth-period, they never could put a dent into Southfield's 10-point cushion.

Salem had two players in double figures: Head had 13 points, and Adam Hammons chipped in with 10. The Jays received a gamehigh 15 points from Don Marcero.

Brodie believes that the 1993-94 Western Lakes Conference title race is "wide open" this

"There is a balance of power in the league," the veteran Salem coach said. "Northville and John Glenn look to be the frontrunners, but watch out for Canton, too. They can be tough."

However, most conference coaches believe that Salem will have a lot to say who will wear the 1993-94 crown.

Inkster Vikings next 2 games will be crucial

It isn't going to get any easier for first-year Inkster High School basketball coach Monte Dennard and his Vikings.

Inkster edged a strong Detroit Mumford, 59-56, in its 1993-94 season opener last Tuesday, then eked out a cliffhanging, 78-76, win over perennial Class B state power, Flint Beecher on the Beecher home court Friday night to make it two-in-a-row.

Now, Dennard faces East Catholic (Tuesday) and Oak Park (Friday) for his next tests. And both games are crucial ones for

"We need to continue to build momentum," says Dennard, who replaced Spencer Grant as head coach. "Our non-league and our conference schedules are tough.

And I like it that way."

A familiar figure in these parts, Dennard prepped at Robichaud High School where he earned all-conference and All-Area honors before he went on to star at the University of Wisconsin-Superior. Dennard also coached at Robichaud High during the

In the shoot-out against Mumford, 6-6 junior Al White teamed with James Outlaw, a 6-4 senior, and Maurice Ballard to give the Vikings a balanced scoring attack that eventually crippled the taller Detroit quintet.

White scored 27 points and grabbed 15 rebounds to lead the winners, who worked their way to a 17-13 first-period lead but trailed at intermission 33-31 as 6-4 Mumford guard Dennis Whaley rode the Mustangs to a 20-14 second period.

Both teams put 12 points on the scoreboard in the third frame, setting up a thrilling finale. White came back with nine points and Outlaw sank four as the Vikings took control in the final

Outlaw contributed 16 points and nabbed 12 rebounds while Ballard chipped in 10 points to go along with White's team high 27 points. The Vikings could have made it easier on themselves with a little more accuracy at the free throw line where they managed to capitalize on only 14 of 31 charities.

At Flint Beecher, Ballard's two free throws with seven seconds left in the game broke a 76-all tie and gave the Vikings their second straight win.

Inkster jumped off to a 22-14 lead against the cold-shooting hosts and went on to build on its lead, 43-28.

But Beecher came back in the third period on the strength of a balanced attack and closed the gap, 62-52, before heading into the final period. Flint managed to catch up and go ahead by four before a sideline jump shot by Greg Prewitt and a White steal that ended in a dunk tied the game at 76.

After a Flint turnover, Ballard was fouled driving to the basket. His free throws settled the issue.

"It was a great victory for us," said Dennard. "It's a confidence builder."

Outlaw led the Vikings with 22 points and 10 rebounds. Ballard finished with 16 points, while White tossed in 12 points and came off the court ith 15 rebounds. Inkster also got 11 points from Imbraim Myles, who accounted for 11 points.

Shooting a torrid 65 percent (28 of 43) from the field, the Vikings, however, continued to show ineptness at the foul linewhere they canned 22 of 40.

"We can't afford to miss on these opportunities. One of these nights that (free-throw shooting) is going to come back and haunt

Inkster will open the 1993 Suburban Athletic Conference (SAC) campaign Friday night before the home crowd. They will host Oak Park, a team with excellent size and experience that SAC coaches believe will be the next conference champ. The

Redskins also will carry a 2-0 record into the week.

Inkster athlete among the elite

Charnell Lynn's comet continues to shine across the state and

The young Inkster High track star, who captured four gold medals in leading the Vikings to the Class B state title last May, was recently listed among the top athletes in Michigan.

She walks and runs among a group of elite Michigan athletes that included Chris Webber, former Mr. Basketball at Birmingham Country Day who starred at University of Michigan; Joe Dumars, of Detroit Pistons fame, and Tony Phillips, Detroit Tiger infielder-outfielder, who earned the Detroit Tigers' Player of

the Year accolades for 1993. "Like many other people, Charnell is blessed with a lot of athletic ability," said Keith Bailey, one of her coaches. "The difference with Lynn is that she applies herself and casts aside

"You won't find a harder working athlete."

She also won the 100 and 200-meter national Junior Olympics titles in the 15-16 age group last summer.



Hixon picks up another honor

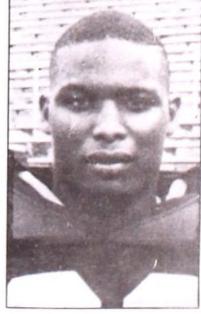
In the wake of earning a berth on the all-Mid-American Conference team, former Wayne Memorial High School grid star Pierre Hixon also was awarded national recognition by the United Press International (UPI).

The senior cornerback from Inkster received an honorable mention on the 1993 UPI football team last week.

An outstanding all-around athlete, Hixon made 70 tackles, including four for minus yards. He also topped the team in pass deflections with 10 and made five interceptions.

Hixon also finished with 10 career interceptions, a feat that gave him a share of ninth place on the all-time school list in that

Western University had an outstanding season as the Broncos posted a 7-3-1 overall record and finished second in the Mid-American Conference, In the Mid-American, the Broncos had a Charnell Lynn 6-1-1 mark.



Pierre Hixon

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Vikings claim 4 medals at Allen Park invitational

By TOM MOORADIAN ANP Staff Writer

High school grapplers got down to business and the mats over the weekend, and the Vikings from Inkster traveled to the Allen Park Invitational only to discover that the tournament was a double dual

"We planned to compete in an invitational so we took kids

who we thought could place," said Inkster coach Sam Ellis. "However, once we got there they told us that because only six teams were competing, they were turning into a double dual."

Although Ellis said he was disappointed, he wasn't disappointed in his wrestlers' performances. Four of the five Inkster grapplers who competed came away with medals,

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Sam Ellis

including one gold.

pounder Anthony Melchor, who won all three of his matches. The Vikings finished second with Kevin Jackson, a

Teammate Jaugin Gould, a 119- pounder, won two of his four matches and finished

five of its matches, finished with the championship trophy. Wyandotte was second, followed by Fordson, Allen Park,

Inkster will host Dearborn Heights Crestwood and South-

double dual which begins at 6

Ellis says that his 1993-94 squad is academically one of the tops.

the Wiggins twins (Jason and Jay) who have a 3.5 grade point average. Thuron (Thuron Edwards) boasts a 4.0. When you have such scholar-athletes on your squad, it makes it easier. for the coach.'

all at the halfway mark.

their rivals 18-17 and 16-13 in the final two periods.

Canton put five players in had 10 points.

Monroe received a superb performance from D.C. Dupras, who finished with 30, the

"We feel we beat a good Monroe team," said Van-Wagoner, who faces two stateranked teams in the coming

day night and will travel to Ann Arbor Pioneer Thursday

Guess fired in 10 of his 12 points in the first period to lift Wayne to an 18-6 lead as the Zebras coasted to their second win, 67-54, over Livonia Churchill.

Henry, experimenting with his bench, said he is looking for people to give his starters some relief.

In front by as much as 19 back and outscored the Zebras, 19-9, to make it a ninepoint ball game (46-37).

Courtney Howard led the winners and the field with 17 points and Hardison finished with 15. Guess accounted for 12 and Jason Overton finished

Zebras launch their inaugural Mega Conference (Red Divithey will meet Dearborn. It's a

Henry believes that former Wolverine "A" Conference rivals, Belleville and Fordson will again to be powers to reckon with in the new align-

nry said.

gotten to mention that the Zebras always have something to say about who will claim the title, but the other coaches in the league figure that Wayne

Sierra Club

Watershed Group of the Sierra Club meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Oakwoods Metropark Nature Center.

focus on future goals for conservation, outings, membership and newsletters.

discuss battery solutions with Ed Green speaking on alternatives of discarding batteries plus other recycling programs. The Feb. 9 meeting will focus on the Raisin River, and guest speaker Vivian Brighton of the Raisin River Watershed Conservancy will speak about the problems, solutions and remidial action plans for the

11 and June 8 will be an-

nounced later. Information may be obtained by calling co-chairs Janet Young at 284-7026 (home) or 955-7525 (work) or Pam LePan at 847-6114 (home)

The gold went to 112-

heavyweight who lost in the fi-

Thuron Edwards (171) and Royal Gaines (189), who posted identical 3-2 records, came away with bronze medals.

fourth.

Riverview, which won all Clarenceville and Inkster.

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"We have athletes, such as-

Wayne Continued from page B-1

Canton went on to outscore

double figures. Along with Paupore's 25, Ron Hunter added 11 while Docks, Tadarius Rachel and Ryan Ostach each

game high.

week. Canton played Adrian Tues-

night. In the meantime, Lorenzo

"And I didn't see it on Friday. Those (starters) will have to become iron men this year. Our bench so far has been disappointing."

points (37-18), Wayne saw its lead dwindle in the third period when Churchill charged

Wayne had another nonconference tuneup Tuesday at Livonia Franklin before the sion) season. On Thursday, crossover game.

"The name of the conference may have changed, but Belleville, Fordson and Monroe are the teams to beat," He-

Oh, yes, Henry may have forcould win it all again this year.

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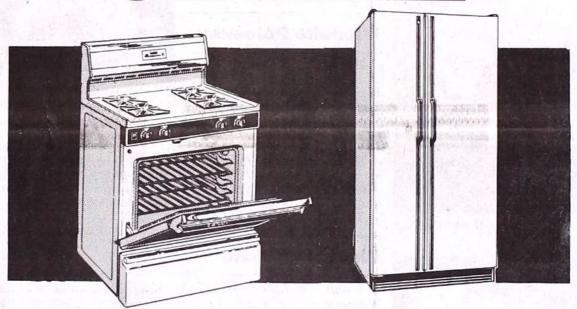
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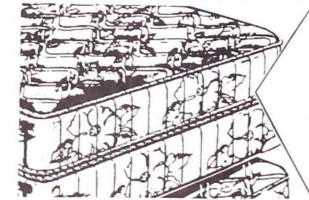
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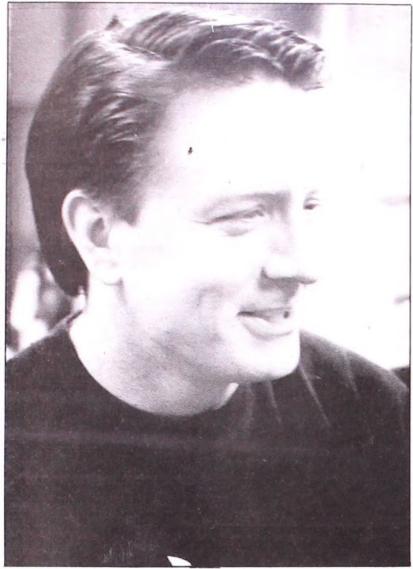
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Jim McLean

Local joker

Westland comedian hammers at 2 separate careers

By JOAN DYER-ZINNER News Editor

A Westland comedian, who also does home improvements, has dual careers that seem to parallel those of television comic Tim Allen.

And, comparisons don't end there. Westland resident Jim McLean not only performed the opening act for Allen's recent appearance at the Fisher Theatre, he also built a deck for the television star's Beverly Hills (Michigan) home.

"While we were building the deck, Allen almost knocked down a leveling tripod, which costs about \$600," McLean said, relating the incident in stand-up comedy style. "Just after I told him to watch it, he bumped it, and it started to fall. I jumped over a wheelbarrow - just like in a sitcom and caught it before it fell."

The carpenter-comedian believes his carrers puts him in good stead with several other enterainers in addition to Allen.

"Harrison Ford worked as a carpenter before he starred in Raiders of the Lost Ark, and Jeff Daniels' family is in the lumber business in Chelsea," McLean said.

If McLean could have three wishes, they would be to perform on Saturday Night Live, write screen plays and perform at the Fox Theatre.

The Westland comedian's comedy heroes are Charlie Chaplin and the Marx brothers from vaudeville days and Bob Hope, George Burns and Gracie Allen from radio. Sid Caesar, Jackie Gleason and Ernie Kovacs are his favorites from the early days of television.

"Of course, I grew up with Saturday Night Live and Monty Python," McLean said.

He calls his form of comedy "observational humor."

"I do some political and social commentary. I try to provoke thought without preaching," McLean said. 'When audiences leave the club, I'd like them to feel that my comedy was well thought

McLean doesn't let the current wave of hyper-sensitivity curb his humor.

"I don't try to be politically correct, but, on the other hand, I don't use cheap shots against groups," McLean said.

McLean attended schools in the Livonia School District, where his comic talents blossomed

"I was one of those kids that would imitate the teacher when he left the room. All the kids would be laughing when he got back, but he wouldn't know why," McLean said. "I did this through high school, but then the result was many serious discussions with the teachers after class."

The Westland man numbers himself among the John Glenn High School Rockets fan, and played football with the Westland Youth Athletic Associa-

"Westland was a great place to grow up in. I lived near

Hines Park, and I had kind of a Mark Twain-Huckleberry Finn childhood catching frogs and hiking in the woods," McLean said. "Most kids who live in urban areas don't have that opportunity."

McLean comes from a family of natural comedians.

"My dad's whole family are light-hearted and naturally funny. Whenever we get together with my aunts and uncles everyone's got something funny to relate. It's not competitive. No one tries to one-up the others, because they are just natural comedians," McLean said.

After high school, McLean worked as an intern for radio station WABX

"I decided that I didn't want to pursue a career in radio, because personalities change so quickly. One day you may be in Detroit, but if things don't work out, you're in Albuquerque tomorrow," McLean said. "I wanted to stay in the Detroit area. In fact, I still love the area and want to stay here. Comedians are having a resurgence in Detroit. With (Mike) Ilitch's Second City and the opening of a lot of clubs and theaters, I see Detroit becoming a Motown of Comedy." After his short career in ra-

dio, McLean took a job with a carpentry firm as a "go-fer," and worked his way up to a journeyman carpenter and then to owning his own busi-

"Sam Moraco and I own Muraca Building Co., which I'm

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very serious about. We did restoration work for the Weller Carriage House in Saline and built a gazebo at Madonna College," McLean said. "We also built a deck for Tim Allen," McLean said.

Along with performing in comedy clubs, making stage appearances and pursuing his carpentry work, McLean also is a comedy writer.

"I write from 6 to 7:30 a.m. Both of my writing partners have day jobs, and this is the only time we can get together," McLean said. "We've locally produced Live and Kicking.



Jim McLean

Two two episodes are completed, and we're working on two movie screen plays," he

ENGAGEMENTS

DuCheny-Dingwall

Tina Annette DuCheny of Romulus will become the bride of Robert James Dingwall of Fraser. An October, 1994 wedding is planned

The bride-elect is the daughter of Donald and Carolyn DuCheny of Romulus and the groom-to-be is the son of Robert and Barbara Dingwall of Fraser.

Bennett-Schnau

Serena Bennett will

First Baptist Church of

The bride-elect is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs.

Harold Bennett of Wayne.

She is a 1986 graduate of

elementary education with

endorsement from Eastern

substitute teacher with the

Wayne-Westland schools and

The future groom is the

Schnau of Canton Township.

son of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin

Michigan University in 1993.

Wayne Memorial High

School and earned her

bachelors degree in

She is employed as a

at Hope Nursing Care

Center of Westland.

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become the bride of Joseph

Schnau May 21, 1994 during

a late afternoon ceremony at



Tina DuCheny--Robert Dingwall



Serena Bennett--Joseph Schnau

He is a 1983 graduate of Wayne Memorial High School and is present employed by Southland Corp. of Livonia.

The couple has asked the Rev. W. Spraklen to officiate at their wedding.

NEW ARRIVALS

Michelle Poloskey

Robert and Christina Poloskey of Belleville became the parents of a daughter, Michelle Linnane, born at 9:12 p.m. Nov. 2, 1993 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor.

The new arrival weighed 8 pounds, 10 ounces at birth and measured 21 inches in

Grandparents of the baby



Michelle Poloskey

include George and Marilyn Montgomery of Belleville, Josephine Lewis of Wayne and Thomas Poloskey of Brighton.

Warren, Maude Morvant

Warren and Maude (Herbert) Morvant of Wayne recently celebrated their 50th anniversary at a surprise party at the Golden Feather Restaurant in Garden City.

They were married on Nov. 6, 1943 and are the parents of two children, Carolyn (Sam) Strutz and Warren (Ruthann) Morvant Jr. and the

grandparents of two, Rob Strutz and Clint Morvant.

Among those in attendance at the party sponsored by their children were family members from Louisiana: Mr. and Mrs. Gibbons Robichaux, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Herbert, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Herbert, Rose Herbert and Betty Herbert.

Morvant is a retired employee of the General Motors Willow Run plant and his wife is a retired employee of Lazar's Men's Wear of

Phillip Donaldson

Westland and Jeffrey L. Ritthaler of Lincoln Park became the parents of a son, Phillip Michael Donaldson, on Sept. 5,1993 at Annapolis Hospital of Wayne.

The baby weighed 6

Domenico Pica

Ginger Pica of Taylor,

formerly of Westland,

pounds, 5 ounces and

length at birth.

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Querino "Woody" and

became the parents of a son,

Aug. 16 at Grace Hospital in

The new arrival weighed 6

Grandparents of the baby

include Michael G. Rowland

Domenico Vincenzo, born

measured 19 1/2 inches in

Jennifer M. Donaldson of pounds, 14-1/4 ounces at birth and has brown hair and blue

> His grandparents include Bruce and Beverly Donaldson of Romulus and Marvin and Joan Ritthaler of Lincoln Park.



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Great-grandparents are Jack and Lila Pavelich of Higging, Minn. and Vieno Rowland of Freda, Mich.

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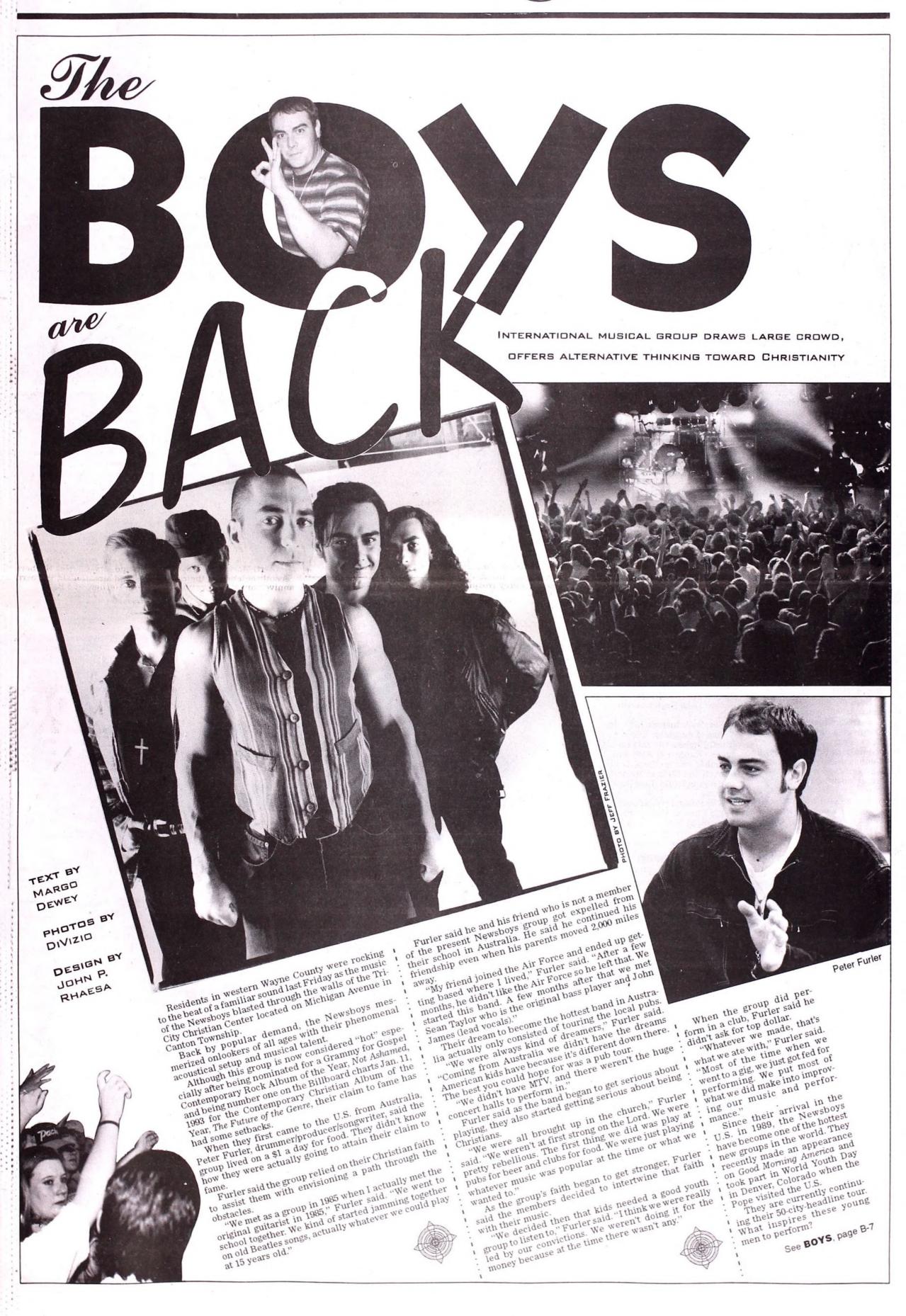
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OBITUARIES

Dent, Lena

Lena Dent, 81, Westland, died Dec. 6, 1993 at Garden City Hospital

Born on May 25, 1912, she is survived by a daughter, Helen Van Sickle; two sons, Jack Tanis and George Olenick; a sister, Dora Tavener; five grandchildren; six great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild. She was predeceased by

her husband, Sidney E. The funeral was at the Uht Funeral Home with the Rev. Chris Anderson officiating.

Interment was in Parkview Cemetery of Livonia.

Lowe, Charles

Charles Floyd Lowe, 67, of Wayne, died Dec. 4, 1993 at home.

Born on Nov. 17, 1926, he was graphic artist.

Survivors include his wife, Phyllis Lowe; two sons, David and Kevin Lowe; four daughters, Sharon McDonnell, Nancy Frazier, Sandra Lowe and Carol Bradley; two sisters, Jean Bradshaw and Glenadine Knowles; a brother, Ira Lowe Jr.; 11 grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

He was predeceased by a daughter, Karen Dalton and a brother, John Lowe.

The funeral was at the Uht Funeral Home with Pastor Chris Anderson officiating. Interment was in Mount Hope Memorial Gardens of Livonia.

Striewski, Esther

Esther R. Striewski, 74, of Wayne, died Dec. 5, 1993 at Annapolis Hospital in Wayne. Born on June 21, 1919, she was a homemaker.

Survivors include a sister, Rose Marie Striewski and a sister-in-law, Susan.

The funeral was at the Uht Funeral Home with the Rev. Robert Millar officiating.

Interment was in Mount Hope Cemetery of Livonia.

LaFountain, LeRoy

LeRoy Robert LaFountain. 74, of Canton Township, died Dec. 4, 1993.

Born on Nov 23, 1919, he was a driver by trade.

Survivors include his wife, Margaret; a daughter, Mrs. Terry (Peggy) Donohue; two sisters, Mae Stone and Peggie Dunn; a grandson, Andrew Donohue, and a granddaughter, Erin Donohue.

The funeral was at the Uht Funeral Home with Dr. Weldon Spracklen officiating. Cremation rites were accorded.

Kenner, William

William C. Kenner, 81, of Westland, died Dec. 3, 1993 in Livonia.

Born on May 23, 1912 in Detroit, he was a retired accountant and lived in the Westland area for 51 years. He was inducted as an Eagle Scout with the Detroit Council, Boy Scouts of America in 1935 and was active with the Newburgh United Methodist Church for

Survivors include his wife, Jane C.; two sons, Roger W. (Faye) Kenner of Asheboro, N.C. and James F. (Gail McColl) Kenner of Milford: three daughters, Janice (Roger) Rosan of Brighton, Lois I. (Arnold) Nelson of Livonia and Laura Wagner of Plymouth; two sisters, Irene (Allen) Calm of Hollywood, Cal. and Alice Kenner of New York City; 14 grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

The funeral was at the Newburgh Methodist Church of Livonia with the Rev. Gilson Miller officiating. Arrangements were completed by the Vermeulen Memorial Trust 100 Funeral Home of Westland.

The family requests that memorials be sent to the Detroit Area Council, Boy Scouts of America, 1776 West Warren, Detroit, Mich., 48208.

Harmon, Joseph

Joseph Johnathin Harmon. 38, of Westland, died Dec. 6, 1993 in Garden City Hospital.

Born on Sept. 19, 1955, he was an assistant manager.

Survivors include his mother, Georgeanna Harmon Porter of Virginia; three brothers, Reginal G.B. Trader, Stephen A. Trader and Isaac T. Harmon, all of Wilmington, Del.; a cousin, George Holden; many nieces and nephews and many friends and coworkers at Living Concepts Inc. of Wayne.

The funeral was at the Garden City Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses. Arrangements were made by the Uht Funeral Home. Cremation rites were accorded.

Wright, Mildred

Mildred Elizabeth Wright, 56, of Van Buren Township, died Dec. 5, 1993 at University Hospital in Ann Arbor. Born on Jan. 5, 1937, she

was a secretary.

Survivors include her husband, Bobby Lee Wright: a son, Bobby Jr.; two daughters, Cynthia G. Plummer and Deborah Sue Klein; two sisters, Philis Parker and Becky Stiltner; a brother, R.C. Webb; her mother, Nannie Kate Dillon; and three grandsons, Christopher and Benjamin Plummer and Vincent Klein. The funeral was at the Uht

Funeral Home with the Rev. Robert Millar officiating. Interment was in Denton Cemetery.

Martell, Wilfred

Wilfred A. (Bud) Martell, 69, of Gladwin (formerly of Westland), died Nov. 23, 1993 at the University of Michigan Medical Center in Ann Arbor, after a brief illness.

Born in Alpena on Nov. 25, 1923, Mr. Martell moved to Westland in 1947 and retired as a supervisor from Detroit Diesel (Allison) in 1981, when he moved to Gladwin.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and was a lifetime member of the Disabled American Veterans group (having been awarded the Purple Heart) and the Secord Lake Eagles, Aerie

Survivors include his wife. Vivian; a daughter, Karen (Burt) Hughes; two sisters, Louise Karge and Mary Ann Manning; two brothers, Louis Martell and Thomas Martell, and a grandchild, Lisa (Rod) Munroe.

The funeral was at the Lents Funeral Home with the Rev. Rocky Barra officiating.

Mayers, Sarah

Sarah Louise Mayers, 82, died Nov. 30, 1993.

Born on Nov. 16, 1911 in Edinburg, Miss., she was educated in the Edinburg and Hickory schools. She moved to Ann Arbor in 1947 and later married Lisle Mayers.

She was employed at several fraternity and sorority houses on the University of Michigan campus, where she worked as a cook.

Before returning to Carthage, Miss. in 1983, she was an active member of the Second Baptist Church of Ann Arbor, where she served with the Missionary Society and taught Sunday School.

Survivors include two brothers, Choice (Lettie) Collier of Carthage; Doc (Marcia) Collier of Jackson, Miss.; two nephews, Larry (Joyce) Gates and Mark (Vera) Gates, both of Ann Arbor; a devoted great-niece, Jacqueline (Tony) Foster of Belleville; 13 other greatnieces and nephews; seven great-great-nieces and nephews, and a host of relatives and friends.

She was predeceased by her parents, Cora Steel and Henry Collier.

The funeral was at the Pawlus-Roberts Brothers Funeral Home of Belleville. Interment was at the United Memorial Gardens of Plymouth.

Kargus, Geraldine

E. Geraldine Kargus, 88, of Belleville, died Dec. 2, 1993 at her home.

Survivors include a daughter, Marcia Jaszcz of Belleville; a sister, Nellie Pray of Lup City, Neb.; three grandchildren, James, Lisa and Michael Jaszcz, and many nieces and nephews.

her husband, Daniel Vincent. The funeral was at the

She was predeceased by

Pawlus-Brothers Funeral Home of Belleville. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery.

Castle, Edna

Edna Mae Castle, 84, formerly of West Virginia, died Dec. 10, 1993 at Westland Convalescent Center.

Survivors include three sisters, Betty A. Eastman of Wayne, Barbara Nichols of Virginia and Bernice M. Bush of Ohio; a son, James B. of Virginia; 26 grandchildren; 58 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild. The funeral was at Lents

Funeral Home with the Rev. Robert Millar officiating. Interment was in Cadillac

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Mull, Donna

Donna A. Mull, 46, of Westland, died Dec. 6, 1993 in Ann Arbor.

Born on March 11, 1947 in Columbus, Miss., she was a homemaker.

Survivors include three daughters, Kimberly (Steve) Pomorski of Highland, Stefanie Lynn Vojtkofsky of Wayne and and Mandy Christine Mull of Westland: nine brothers and sisters, and a granddaughter, Ashley Ann Pomorski.

The funeral was at the Vermeulen Memorial Trust 100 Funeral Home of Westland with the Rev. Neil D. Cowling officiating. Interment was at Parkview Cemetery of Livonia. The family recommends

that memorials be sent to the University of Michigan Hospital, Cardiac Care Unit Medical Center for Development, 301 E. Liberty, Suite 300, Ann Arbor, Mich. 48104-2261.

Mast, Mary

Mary Margaret Davidson Mast, 82, retired Wayne school social worker, died Nov. 24, 1993 at St. Joseph's Hospital.

Born on July 8, 1911 in Harrisburg, Pa., she moved to Wayne at the age of 5.

She graduated from Wayne High School in 1929 and attended Mt. Ida Junior College in Massachusetts. She graduated from the University of Michigan in 1935 with a major in sociology.

She earned her Masters in Arts degree in statistical research from the University of Michigan and worked at the Institute of Public Affairs in Washington, D.C. in 1935, Detroit Council of Social Agencies from 1935-39, Boston Community Health Association, 1939-41; and the Wayne School District, School Social Worker Department, from 1945-1976.

She was a past member of the AAUW, College Women's Club, Detroit City Club, Wayne Garden Club and Literary Club.



Mary Mast

She also was active in many other local groups. She was an active member of the First Congregational Church.

She is survived by a daughter, Diana Mast White of Scotts Valley, Cal. and two 1 grandsons, Michael and Matthew Schutz of Scotts Valley.

She was predeceased by her husband, William T. Mast. who died in 1983.

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Happy birthday

Residents celebrate with Hollywood stars

By JOAN DYER-ZINNER News Editor

Beverly Powell of Sumpter Township could share a birth-day cake on Dec. 13 with comedian Dick Van Dyke and actor Christopher Plummer, while Edna Mae. Gregory of Belleville could blow out the candles with actress Jane Fonda and television personality Phil Donahue.

Powell, Van Dyke and Plummer were born on Dec. 13, and Gregory, Fonda and Donahue were born on Dec. 21.

Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce Secretary Janet Millard celebrates her special day on Dec. 27, the same day as Belleville residents Peggy Willis, Patricia Dodge and Terence McNamara.

Observing her birthday on Christmas Eve will be Elsie Dobby, who shares her birthday with eccentric millionaire Howard Hughes and actress Ava Gardner.

Celebrating their birthdays on the day designated as Christ's birthday are Belleville residents Mildred Vaughn and Peter Kress. Notables born on the same day are actress Sissy Spacek and actor Humphrey Bogart.

Eva Zinner, a subscriber from Monroe, celebrates her birthday on Dec. 14, the same day as actress Patty Duke.

Born on the last day of December were Gladys Wishart and Raymond Memering of Belleville, who share their Dec. 31 birthday with actor Jason Robards and singer Donna Summer.

Other Hollywood personalities born in December were Walt Disney, Dec. 5; Ellen Burstyn, Dec. 7, Rita Moreno and Terri Garr, Dec. 11; Frank Sinatra, Dec. 12; Betty Grable, Dec. 18, and Mary Tyler Moore, Dec. 29.

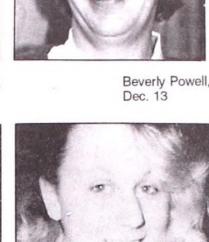
National and political figures born in December were Alexander Haig, Dec. 2; Woodrow Wilson, Dec. 28 and Andrew Johnson, Dec. 29.

Also born in December were sports figures Larry Bird, Dec. 7, and Sandy Koufax, Dec. 30. Author of mystery books and films, Steven Spielberg, observes his birthday on Dec.

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Janet Millard, Dec. 27



Peter Kress, Dawn (Avendt) Hargrave, Dec. 25

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Boys

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"I think it comes from a lot of things," Furler said. "I don't listen to that much music. I think really where it comes from is the truth and what we see in the word of God.

"We're like a traveling family. It's a learning process we're going through. All of that comes together which helps us to create our music."

Furler said deciding on the U.S. as "the" place to build a path to success was decided on based on the influence of a celebrity evangelist.

"When we first started playing in Australia, we had a few opportunities," Furler said. "But through all that, we were encouraged to come to the U.S. Really it was the thinking that evangelists like Billy Graham who came to our country years ago, helped people know the lord.

"Through that, that's how we came to know the lord so we wanted to give back what we learned and go to the U.S."

What has been the most difficult part about starting as a new group in a new country?

"When we first came to America, I remember living on a \$1 a day," Furler said. "I would spend \$1 a day on my food. We would go to the 7-Eleven, and we would make these cheeseburgers for 99

"That's what we would eat for the day. We all lived in one motel room, and there was

about seven of us. We just traveled around with what we could knowing that this is what we wanted to do."

Newsboys is now on top of the charts. They became the number one Alternative Rock Group by CCM April 1993.

The group was selected as the Pop Artist of the Year by Noteboard for 1993, and the You (Catholic Youth Magazine) gave Newsboys the title of number one Rock Album of the

Year for 1993.

Furler said he believes the Newsboys are here to stay in the U.S. to provide as much inspiration and hope for the youth of today.

"The people's attitudes here are wonderful," Furler said. "They have an enjoyment of life. I think with the new generation of kids coming out through the church now, we're starting to get a lot of denominations together which is great because that's how God wants it to be. We're all different denominations in the band."

What message does the band want to deliver to the youth around the world?

"You have a choice, and there are two paths you can follow, one is right and one is wrong," Furler said. "If you've seen the churches on television, and you don't like it, it doesn't mean that's what God is like.

"God is completely opposite to what most people think. He's full of grace and mercy. No matter what you're going through in your life, if you're having troubles, you can find God anywhere."

Romulus man to face trial in beating

By JENNIFER PLACINTO ANP Staff Writer

A Romulus man, accused of hitting an 18-year-old Westland man in the face and neck with a 12-gauge shotgun, will face a jury trial April 4, 1994 in Detroit Recorder's Court.

Perry Hayes Ledford, 19, who originally gave police a false name and date of birth when he was apprehended, was released on a \$10,000/10 percent cash bond pending trial. If convicted, Ledford could face up four years in prison.

Ledford was arrested around midnight on Oct. 30 at a

Sunday: 11:00 - 4:00

(The attacker) hit him three or four times in the forehead and in the neck.

- Steve Ryskamp

7-Eleven store, located at 172 S. John Hix Road in Westland, Westland police Sgt. Steve Ryskamp said.

The victim received stitches to his forehead and police pho-

tographs of the man's neck show a circular cut allegedly made by the barrel of Ledford's gun, Ryskamp said.

dents who will be observing their birthday in January or

February are invited to send a

photograph along with their

name, birth month and day to

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The incident allegedly occurred when Ledford and three other individuals drove up in a blue Camaro and a confrontation began with the victim and another individual who were occupants of the victim's car, Ryskamp said. When the discussion became heated, Ledford and the victim got out of their respective cars with weapons in hand.

The victim told police he grabbed an aluminum angleiron from the back seat of his car because he feared for his safety when the alleged attacker produced a shotgun, Ryskamp said.

Ledford allegedly backed the victim up against his car and hit him with the barrel of the gun.

"(The attacker) hit him three or four times in the forehead and in the neck," Ryskamp said.

Although Ledford reported the gun was not loaded during the incident, police discovered rounds of ammunition in his car, Ryskamp said.

Stepfather accused of sexually abusing girl

A Westland man was bound over to Detroit Recorder's Court for trial on two counts of first-degree criminal sexual conduct in an alleged incident involving his 12-year-old stepdaughter.

The 34-year-old Norwayne man is accused of committing sexual acts on the Westland girl in June, according to Westland police Sgt. Michael Terry. The incident was reported by an anonymous person in September, Terry said.

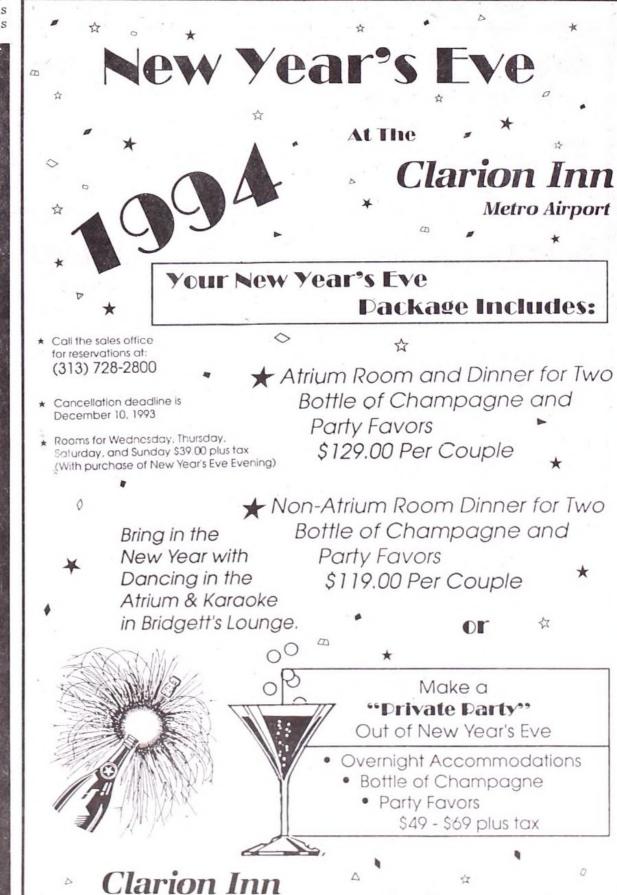
The Norwayne man was released on a personal bond of \$5,000, with the stipulation he have no contact with his stepdaughter, Terry said. If convicted, the accused man could face up to life imprisonment.



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will be no Christmas at our house due to over

My wish is for my son to receive some of the

things on his Christmas list and to receive

some fruit, holiday nuts and candy. The items

Fm writing this letter in regards to your Christmas Wish contest. I have a neighbor and his two sons who I'd like to make a wish The father is a diabetic who lives alone. His source of income is Social Security disability. This 42-year-old man has two sons 8 and

10 who visit him every other weekend. Most of this past summer the father spent a lot of time in and out of hospitals due to illness. His diabetes has affected his vision and has caused him to nearly go blind. Next week he'll be having surgery to attempt to help his

This man was a very active man who no longer drives a car and has trouble walking to the nearby store. This man is a kind and caring divorced dad who is unable to get gifts for his sons. His income and food stamps hardly make ends meet. He's a proud man and I haven't told him that I'm writing this letter, so if his boys are granted a wish of toys, just contact me and I'll see that the father I know his boys would appreciate this wish. Even in the worst of

times and health he is a good neighbor and dad. returns your call.

Merry Christmas.

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I have an adult friend who has To Make a Wish: high uncontrollable diabetes. She has a One Touch blood glucose monitor machine. She is in desperate need of the strips for the machine. Her insurance does not cover this item as she only has a countyissued form of Medicaid.

Also, she needs her medications for high blood pressure called Prinnil which is not covered at all

She cannot work due to her numerous illnesses which include terminal lung cancer. Any help would gratefully help her with her urgent situation. She needs three strips a day at \$1 each and one pill a day at \$1 each.

Thank you, Westland I'm a single parent with one child who has Hello, I am a 20-year-old mother of two beautiful sons, ages 1 and 3

To whom it may concern:

I'm writing to tell you a Christmas gift my nephew wants. He is 8 years old and his dad just died Nov. 1, 1993 with brain.

On that day my nephew learned to ride a two-wheel bike without help. He said he did that so his dad would be proud of him. And that he learned how on the day his dad died.

Anyway, he wants a new 20-inch trail bike for Christmas and he still believes in Santa Claus. And it would be nice if miracles would happen for him. It's been rough the last year

Thank you and happy holidays. Neighbors in Romulus

This is a noticely wish for someone I know.

She is 83-years-old, legally blind and has a heart condition and she is also down dialytele parties. She is 83-years-old, legally blind and has a heart condition and she is also a kidney dialysis patient. For the past four years she has to go to the Dialysis Center, (Ann Arbor) three times a week - otherwise she is home-bound most of the time. kidney dialysis patient. For the past four years she has to go to the Dialysis Center, (Ann Arbor) three times a week - otherwise she is home-bound most of the time. Her daughter is 64 years old. They live regerner and her daughter cares for her by hereet. (Ann Arbor) three times a week - otherwise she is home-bound most of the time. Her daughter is 64 years old. They live together and her daughter cares for her by herself and has no other help. d has no other help.

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Please make her holiday wish happen. ease make her holiday wish happen.

She is a Wonderful, beautiful person and in her younger years helped many, many ople with her work and kindness to them.

Because she is my precious mother and I love her very much I'm writing this because Please make her holiday wish happen. Because sne is my precious mother and I love her very much I'm writing this because she needs a shot of extra cheer and to know someone cares. She has no other children to the needs a shot of extra cheer and to know someone cares. she needs a shot of extra cheer and to know someone cares. She has no other children me and I'm her total care-giver. I'm happy to still have her to care for. She has always been a wonderful mother. people with her work and kindness to them.

been a wonderful mother.

Thank you.

Although they are provided with much love, affection and attention, I'm

My 3-year-old son suffers from Spinal Muscular Atrophy which comes

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him, I will not be able to have an enjoyable Christmas for both of my

from the family of Muscular Dystrophy. It enables him to walk and stand

I am a single mom of two wonderful kids. We myself low in holiday spirits. I find it much easier to give than receive, this year, which is why I'm making my wish to

My children and I need a fresh start, a news But one obstacle stands in our way. Being able to I know its a great deal to ask for but any help If you never had to manage without a vehice be. You are unable to keep a good job or further) do the simplest things like go to the grocery star when they do well in school.

This is the only wish I have this year If m receive this wonderful gift it will open many doo happier future for this family.

This letter hasn't been an easy one to write, he start. Perhaps my letter will reach some kind smil and make a family's dreams come true.

Thank you for the opportunity to bring hope in that kindness can be found in everyone. In closing I'd like to wish everyone at the As-

involved in granting wishes a very Merry Christ

on his list are as follows: Sega Genesis Jordan vs. Bird, Sega Genesis Arcade pad (Tour Us), Basic Erector Set, Steel Tec Wrench Set, Ice Skating Odyssey (Lego), and a Mountain Bike, all can be found at JCPenney. William D. Ford

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To Holiday Wishes: On Oct. 16, 1993 at 7:10 p.m. we lost our son, Joshua.

My wish to have him back can't ever be granted, so instead my holiday wish is to have the balance owed on his marker for the grave. It's very difficult to sit by his grave without a marker showing his resting place. Thank you and God Bless. Wayne

It is the season of sharing.

And in the uncertain world of today, many lives are brightened and in some cases changed forever with the generous spirit of sharing of others in their community. For the past several weeks, we have been collecting Christmas Wishes from local residents who have a special situation or need during this time. While the response was tremendous, and the needs as varied as the readers we serve, the letters were touching, heart wrenching and a reminder of the good fortune we enjoy.

We have selected only 12 of the requests for help which we received. These 12 requests will be granted through the generosity and kindness of the businesses and merchants listed below. Each of them has given generously to participate in this community effort to help those with a problem or need during this time.

Other merchants and businesses have also been exceedingly generous and helpful, donating merchandise, food and services to help others. During the next few weeks, we hope to bring some of their stories to light and thank them for their help. Many of them, and those they have helped, however, have requested anonymity.

As you visit local merchants and businesses during the year, we hope you will remember the generous spirit of community and the

effort these individuals have extended to help their neighbors.

Merry Christmas--and thank you, one and all The Associated Newspapers Staff

We thank you.

Wayne

My sister and I visit the Wayne Convalescent home on a We have four people we try to take of making sure they get the things they need. These elderly people have no family who come to see them. We made a mistake and told them we'd try to take them out to a Christmas dinner. We don't know what this would do to both our finances. We just don't see how we can do this. You see, things mean so much to them. We tend to forget the elderly. But, if you could see the smile on their faces when you walk through the door it's worth a million. If we could give them this wish what a blessing it would be

The Christmas Season has always been a special, spiritual time for me. I get a joy out of picking just the right gift, wrapping it up

Two months ago I became homeless. I lost my job, my car broke down, what little money I had saved suddenly was gone. Things kind of

You know you can prepare for almost anything but this. Most of the time I live in my car. Today I sold my last valuable item, my watch, so I'm staying in a motel. I need the

So, I don't know how I'm feeling about Christmas, I try not to give it much thought because I can't allow myself to feel sad and get down. Because it's not going to be this way forever.

Here's my Christmas Wishes - I have a nephew and niece who make me so happy and whenever I need a good laugh they're always there to lighten my mood. I've enclosed two of the gifts I would like them to have and I've always dreamed of taking Michael and Nicole to a nice clothes store like JCPenneys and getting them some really great outfits. Thanks. Here's hoping that this wish comes

true. Canton Township

straits they can't accomplish all that they would like. They have the original refrigerator and

Christmas Wish:

dad," but that will never come true.

I would love to see them have either a new stove or a new refrigerator this Christmas. I have been lucky to have my hearing and my health, and this would make my Christmas very special if they could have one of the appliances for Christmas. They are very special people and never take advantage of their handicap and are very

I have a brother who is deaf. He has done a fantastic job with his life. He has a full-time job

Unfortunately, with a handicap like being deaf, he doesn't have all the amenities that he

would like to have in life. I know his one wish in life would be to hear his girls say "I love you

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Residents oppose proposed street lighting in neighborhood

By JENNIFER PLACINTO ANP Staff Writer

Westland residents with homes on Pattingill Street north of Cherry Hill Road voiced their disapproval of a plan to place eight overhead street lights on the dead-end

The total first year cost for the proposal to install eight 100 watt cobra head lights would be \$6,724, according to figures provided at the Monday night public hearing in the Westland City Council cham-

The Michigan Public Service Commission made a determination in 1991 that municipalities pay a portion of the original capital outlay. The city suggested contribution would be approximately \$4,228 toward construction costs and Pattingill residents would be

responsible for the remaining \$2,496 or \$164.02 for each per parcel for the first year.

Residents would pay a total of \$60.88 every year thereafter. The annual lamp charge of \$2,496 includes maintenance and operation costs.

With a total of 41 parcels on Pattingill, residents submitted a petition in 1991 asking for street lights. However, one resident, who led the petition drive in 1991, said the petitioners only wanted one street light on the corner of Pattingill and Cherry Hill roads.

"We wanted one street light. We don't want eight," Pattingill resident Stephen Keller said.

Keller added that residents requested the corner light for better night vision when making a left-hand turn.

Pattingill resident William Simmons also expressed his displeasure with the proposed

"I don't want them. There are 40 houses on this dead-end street. Eight lights are too much. It will look like a football stadium," Simmons said.

City Assessor Karen Hardin stressed that the public hearing was conducted Monday night to determine the necessity of the proposal and Council President Charles Pickering suggested concerned citizens circulate another petition before the next public hearing.

Hardin added that the cost of the project was determined by Detroit Edison.

"One problem we have is liability if we don't follow the recommendations of Detroit Edison," Finance Director Mike Gorman said

Gorman said accidents and other problems may lead to lawsuits against the city if the recommended lighting is not



Making the grade

Students at Adams Junior High School in Westland were honored for their scholastic achievements earlier this year by city officials. The students each earned all A's on their report cards for the year, earning them their celebrity status. Above, from left in the front row are Justin Bridges, Christopher Wiesner, Michael Moore, Nathan Gabrielli, Michelle Henn and Erin McKee who were congratulated by Deputy Westland Mayor George Gillies, from left, back row, Deputy Polic Chief Robbin J. Crosby, Mayor Robert J. Thomas. Councilman-elect David Cox, City Council President Charles Pickering, school principal Celestine Sanders and DARE officer Dan Gillespie. Below, Eric Carpenter, from left, front row, Nicole May, Kelli Allison, Charles Bailey, Rebecca Gibbens, Arianne Garza, Lisa McClester, Julie Snow and Crystal Anderson are congratulated by Gilles, Thomas, Cox, Pickering, Assistant to the Superintendent of Schools Gary Dell and Sanders.



Ousted college officials rehired

By JOAN DYER-ZINNER News Editor

After firing two vice presidents last week, the Wayne County Community College (WCCC) Board of Trustees rescinded their action on Wednesday and re-instated the two officials.

On Nov. 23, the board fired vice presidents Ron Field and Ken LaSalle. During the same meeting, they voted to hire W. Rollin Henderson, chief accounting officer for the city of Detroit, who later turned down the appointment, and Greg Hicks, a former appointee of Mayor Coleman Young. The board also hired Detroit College of Law professor Martin Kotch as labor relations mediator and promoted Milan Chonich to dean of the downtown campus.

Ironically, the action came

shortly after New Detroit, Inc. had praised the college for its financial and academic improvements.

Each vote was by a 5-4 margin with Trustees Sue Radulovich, Ollie McKinney, Juanita Ford, Larry Lewis and Charles Morton. The four trustees who did not support the firings were Denise Wellons-Glover, District 5; Edward Clemente, District 7; Charles Paddock, District 8, and Ted Scott, Distict 9, which encompasses western Wayne

County. Community pressure may have forced the board to overturn its decision. Angered by the firings, a coalition of community, civic, governmental, religious leaders and three trustees staged a Dec. 8 press conference during which an announcement was made of a lawsuit filed in Wayne County

Circuit Court against the five trustees who supported the Nov. 23 firings. The suit alleges that Radulovich and Ford violated the board conflict of interest policy by voting to promote Chonich and hired Kotch. It also alleges that the Open Meetings Act had been violated by a secret meeting prior to the Nov. 23 board

Trustee Radulovich, who is an attorney, has come under fire recently for a possible conflict of interest. She represents Milan Chonich, a WCCC administrator, in a lawsuit against the college, but has denied that her role as a trustee presents a conflict in her representation of Chonich.

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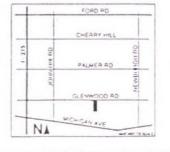


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Also present: John Day, Sgt. Dawson, Cpl. Taylor, Bob George, Paul Johnson, Ken Arnold (City Engineer), Terry and Diana Shoenbach, Mr. Murphy and members of the press.

Przygocki present.

Motion by Fields, supported by Smith, to approve the November 15, 1993 Council minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Fields, supported by Smith, to approve the Novem-ber 15, 1993 Council minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Sgt. Dawson was recognized for a presentation concerning utilization of drug funds to es tablish K-9 unit for the Bel leville Police Department.

tation concerning why he feels the City should regulate cable

Motion by Smith, supported by city council meeting for Decem ber 13, 1993 at 5:00 p.m. fo purposes of considering a proposed finance agreement and consent decree in conjunction with EPA litigation Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Fields, supported by Smith, to schedule a public hearing on proposed sewer rate increases on Monday, January 3, 1994, at 7:30 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Fields, supported by Talaga, to authorize an expen diture not to exceed \$3,500 to the purchase of three portable radios for the police department. Motion carried

The Mayor indicated that the council was available to meet with representatives of any taxing body with jurisdiction in the Downtown Development Area. No one came forward.

Motion by Fields, supported by McGuire, to adopt a resolution approving and confirming the special assessment roll for Phase II of the Harbour Pointe Subdivision, subject to a verification of legal description.

Motion carried unanimously, with the Mayor's abstention

Motion by Smith supported by Talaga, to adopt a resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the special as sessment agreement with New Dimension. Motion carried unanimously, with the

Motion by Talaga, supported by Smith, to adjourn the meeting Motion carried unanimously The meeting adjourned at 9:25

Jeffery Przygocki City Manager

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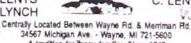
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News Editor When Louis and Jane Kovach decided to buy a new car, they didn't have to ponder long

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make, model or dealership. The Kovachs, who reside in Van Buren Township, had purchased five new Ford Mustangs from Atchinson Ford on Belleville Road, and this year they decided to purchase their

sixth.
"We bought a Mustang from Norman (Dutch) Atkinson in 1965. Later, we bought four Mustangs from Kurt Atkinson, who currently owns the dealership. This year, we did business with Todd Atkinson, Kurt's son and Dutch's grandson," said Jane Kovach. "It's pretty nice to be able to do business with three genera-

tions of Ford dealers." On Wednesday, the Kovachs wheeled into the dealership in their 1965 Mustang - still looking stylish and smart. A few moments later, Louis Kovach got behind the wheel of the

couple's new, black Mustang. "After we bought our first Mustang in 1965, we went back to the dealership in 1971, 1976, 1981 and 1986 to purchase Mustangs. We decided recently that this was the time to buy another one, and we wanted to do business with hometown

people," Jane Kovach said.

The Kovachs describe them-

selves as a Ford family. Jane

Kovach has worked in the food

service department at the

Ford Rawsonville Plant for 31

years, and the couple's two

sons are also employed by

Ford Motor Co. - one in purchasing and the other in computer design.

Kurt Atchinson looked over

the couple's 1965 Mustang and observed how well the 28-yearold car has held up during almost three decades of use. "It's a pleasure doing business with long-time customers, like the Kovachs," said Atkinson. "The new Mustangs are

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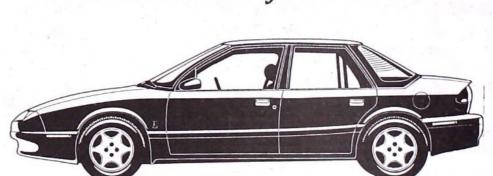
are doing well," Atchinson "It was exciting to do business with customers who dealt with my dad and grandfather," said Todd Atkinson. "It certainly wasn't a 'hard sell.' They knew just what they wanted, and it was a pleasure to deal

with them.'



After his father made the first sale, Kurt Atchinson, left, and his son, Todd, sold the next five Mustangs to Louis and Jane Kovach of Van Buren Township. ANP photo by Ken Gamer

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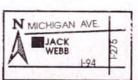
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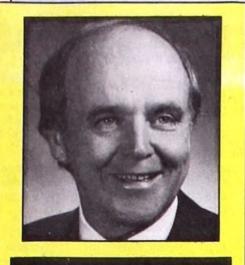
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Quote of the Week

"We've had more (student expulsions) this year than, I believe, we've had in the history of this

Wayne-Westland School Board President Francis Winter said at a Monday night school board meeting following the expulsion of a 10th grade Wayne Memorial High School student who was found to be carrying a concealed loaded .25 caliber semi-automatic revolver after a student fight outside the school on Nov. 8.

Of Note

Church group showers baby gifts on needy

The annual Christ Child Shower is slated today at St. Aloysius Church in Romulus as a prelude to assisting young needy area mothers with layette donations.

Laura Coomer of St. Aloysius Christian Service unit said they are working with the Helping Hand Thrift Store of Romulus to collect various infant supplies, ranging from baby furniture to clothing, in coming weeks.

Members of St. Aloysius Church donated large amounts of baby supplies today immediately after the three morning Masses.

Persons wishing to add donations including new baby furniture, clothes, powders, cloth diapers, quilt materials, diaper bags, baby food, hats and sweaters are urged to drop them off at the Helping Hand Thrift Store, 37510 Huron River Drive on Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Thursdays between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Further details can be obtained by calling the thrift store at 941-

Gang activity suspected in fire

Westland Fire Department officials have determined the cause of a blaze set at the old Eloise Complex, located at 2345 W. Merriman Road in Westland, to be arson and suspect a local gang is using the vacated facility for a clubhouse, Westland Fire Marshall Patrick Harder

"A lot of gang grafitti was found on the walls," Harder said.

The fire was reported around 5 p.m. Tuesday and upon their arrival, firefighters located the blaze in the northeast section of the building on the third floor, according to police reports.

Unknown persons stacked wood, from wood doors and shelves, in a pile and set the wood on fire, police reports said. Harder said the wood was soaked with a flammable liquid found in the vacant building owned by Wayne County.
"There was very little damage to

the building," Harder added.

"Fresh" gang grafitti was found spray painted on the walls in the area next to the fire, according to police reports.

3 arrested for theft

A Wayne man had his full-length leather coat stolen as he was walking on Michigan Avenue at Venoy approximately at 11:35 p.m. Dec. 2.

Wayne police arrested three Wayne men who allegedly took the coat right off of the victim's back, according to Wayne police Lt. Mel

"All were charged with robbery not armed," Drews said. "The investigation is being conducted by Sgt. Bob McIntyre.'

A Dec. 15 examination has been scheduled for Timothy Mate, 18. William Channer, 18 and Thomas McGowan, 18, before 29th District Court Judge Carolyn Archbold.

Channer was arraigned Dec. 5 in out-county court and a \$15,000 bond or 10 percent was set. McGowan was arraigned Dec. 5 in an out-county court and a \$5,000 bond or 10 percent was set.

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Audit uncovers \$270,000 loss in court funds

By JOAN DYER-ZINNER News Editor By AL POST

The long-awaited results of the 34th District Court audit were released to the District Control Unit (DCU) this week, along with confirmation that \$270,000 is unaccounted for in the Romulusbased court.

It is believed that the shortages resulted over a period of years, but officials decline to speculate on the circumstances surrounding the disappearance of the funds.

"At least, the amount of the loss has been confirmed," said Belleville City Manager Jeff Przygocki, who represents one of the five DCU communities. "This proves a need for a system of checks and balances in the court.'

"The ball is in their court now. The court has to re-establish trust with us," said Przygocki."Time and time again, we have beeen told by the court that our inquiries about court policies were none of our business.

"I think the system is broken," the Belleville city manager said. "There is a lot of anger and mistrust by the DCU members."

The district court serves Romulus, Belleville, Van Buren Township, Sumpter Township and Huron Township with a representative of each **44** At least, the amount of the loss has been confirmed, this proves a need for a system of checks and balances in

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Jeff Przygocki

community serving on the DCU.

Van Buren Township Supervisor David Jacokes also called for a system of checks and balances to be placed on the handling of court funds.

"The DCU will continue to hang tough to see that the court is accountable and that there is open communication and dialogue between the court and the five communities it serves," Jac-

In registering his dissatisfaction with the court, Sumpter Township Supervisor Marvin Banotai called for a split of the court, with the establishment of a court division in the township.

Chief Judge William J. Szlinis of the 34th District Court of Romulus released the contents of the internal audit of court finances that revealed the fund shortfall.

The audit report revealed "significant weaknesses in internal controls and accounting procedures that require corrective action by the 34th District Court."

"Missing revenue occurred due to material

weaknesses in internal controls which allowed for voids to be completed with no re-entry being made and with no proper daily review and verification of voids," according to the report, which also noted that several of the 43 findings in the audit had been previously identified to the 34th District Court during a 1991 review.

The audit covered four separate court bank accounts from July 1, 1991 through June 30, 1993.

"The inquiry needs to go deeper in all district court operations. The courts have been unchecked and unmonitored for too long," said Jacokes. "There are no standards of conduct or administrative procedures for the court. For example, no standards are set for court administrator's qualifications. Each court sets its own hiring practice. All of the district courts need practices and procedures and adequate checks and bal-

Since the bulk of the fund shortage impacts money due to the city of Romulus, where the court is based, Romulus city officials said efforts are being made to pursue what insurance or bonding company bears the liability in such

Romulus Mayor Beverly McAnally said she is distressed that Szlinis also "had an independent audit conducted by the Hungerford Cooper and Luxon Co. and has had the results for some time, which he refuses to share with the DCU."

See COURT page A-2

Examination set for resident on assault charge

By JENNIFER PLACINTO ANP Staff Writer

A 31-year-old Westland man was arraigned on four counts of criminal sexual conduct (CSC) against his preteen son before Westland 18th District Judge Gail McKnight on Friday.

The man was charged with two counts of firstdegree CSC and two counts of second-degree CSC for alleged sexual acts with his young son over a one-year period, Westland police Sgt. Laura Moore said.

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he showed love for him. 77 Sgt. Laura Moore

"He was sodomizing and having oral sex with his own natural son for over a year. He told the youth that this was the way he showed love for him," Moore said.

"Now the child will equate homosexual acts with love," Moore added.

Moore said the man told his son not to tell anyone or "he would make his father go to jail."

The man was being held on a \$10,000/10 percent conditional bond pending a Dec. 23 preliminary examination in 18th District Court. Bond was reportedly posted by the man's employment supervisor. He is prohibited from having any contact with youths under age 18 without another adult present, as a condition of his release while awaiting preliminary examination.

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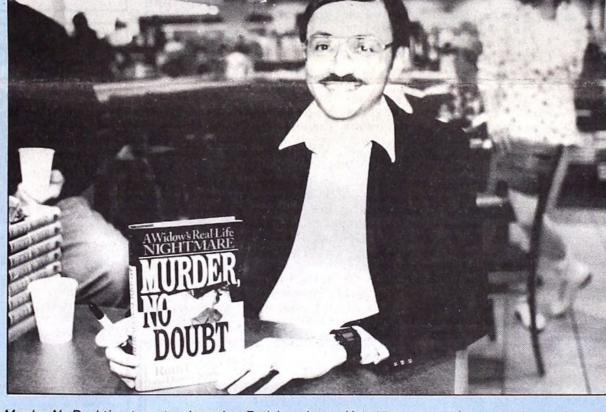
Sgt. Laura Moore

If convicted, the man would be required to have an Acquired Immune Deficiency System (AIDS) test and could face a maximum of 15 years in prison on the second-degree CSC charges and up to life imprisonment if convicted of the firstdegree CSC charges.

The incidents allegedly occurred from Dec. 22, 1992 to October 1993 and the alleged sexual conduct was reported when the youth told his younger sister about the incidents and she in turn reported them to her mother, Moore said.

Moore also told the judge that the wife reported the accused had many guns and has made threats to his wife and threats on his own life. The man and his wife are in the process of getting a

"He (the accused) filed for divorce prior to the mother finding out about this. The boy probably felt more comfortable talking when the dad See SCORES page A-2 wasn't there," Moore said.



Murder, No Doubt is a true story based on Ruth Langlos and her 15-year crusade to correct an erroneous death certificate, according to author Dennis Niemic, former managing editor of The Associated Newspapers. ANP photo by DiVizio/chief photographer

A question of murder Former Associated managing editor writes killer novel

By TOM MOORADIAN ANP Staff Writer

A prominent Californian clinical psychologist is found dead in his office. There is a 300pound table on top of his body, blood splattered on the walls and the office ransacked. The victim's credit cards missing are missing. But the coroner rules that the psychologist

It was, however, Murder, No Doubt. That is the title chosen by author Dennis Niemiec, a former managing editor of The Associated Newspapers for his book which brings to the written page the true and intriguing story of Ruth Langlos and her 15-year crusade to correct an erroneous death certificate so that her husband's killer could be brought to justice.

See BOOK page A-2

District assessment scores soar

By JENNIFER PLACINTO ANP Staff Writer

Wayne-Westland students scores on the Michi-

died of a heart attack.

gan Education Assessment Program (MEAP) tests have improved overall compared to 1991 and 1992

'We still improved curriculum ... even with the political struggle and economic crisis in our district," Wayne-Westland Superintendent of Schools Dr. Larry Thomas said.

However, Thomas added, "I'm not happy until all of our scores are above the county average and every student receives an endorsed diploma.".

The scores have increased 23.5 percent over the past two years. However, Thomas added, "Some of the scores are absolutely unacceptable

in some sections."

"Fewer than 50 percent of our students are in the higher categories. Currently 41.2 percent of the students have improved 5-percent or more over the past three years," Assistant Superintendent of Instruction Dr. Jane Kuckel said.

Fourth, seventh and 10th-grade students taking the MEAP are tested on reading and math while fifth, eighth and 11th-grade students are tested on

"We have an increase in every category over the last two years," Thomas said.

However, Thomas added, two of the nine categories of testing did not show an increase this

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McAnally said 34th District Court officials have been very vague about the exact amount of the shortfall and who the bonding and insurance firms are that bear the liability in this case.

"As far as the city of Ro-

mulus is concerned, we feel they literally stole the money from us." She said she would be glad when the day comes. when Romulus can ever feel the 34th District Court is open and candid with us.'

City Treasurer James Napiorkowski added "the claimed \$220,000 or more in missing funds is just the sum missing since 1991, and we have no idea if additional funds are missing in earlier

his duties on Jan. 10, 1994. Ramsey is currently serving as the court administrator of the 55th District in Ingham County.

A press release from Szlinis revealed that last March he called for an "embezzlement

No report was released on

Szlinis also reported the se-

lection of a new administrator.

Michael W. Ramsey, a veteran

court official who will begin

the criminal investigation.

audit" to be conducted by the listed until this week as being Michigan Supreme Court Audit Department and a criminal investigation by the Michigan State Police.

"In addition, two staff were immediately suspended with pay," the press release stated.

In the past Szlinis had pointedly refrained from using the term "suspended" in regard to Administrator Nancy L. Schuette and her deputy, Tamara Riopelle. Both were

on paid leave up until their official departure from their court staff positions this sum-

Schuette reportedly resigned and Riopelle's job title

was abolished. Szlinis said the "progress and interim findings of the audit and the criminal investigation have been kept confidential...to protect the rights of the the staff and to

ensure the orderly conduct of the court's business during this difficult time."

The chief judge said "I can assure you that I have been as anxious as anyone in this community to have this first phase completed as anyone in this community.'

Szlinis added, "I am sure that you will agree that it was important that there be no shortcuts taken."

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"It is a true story," Niemiec said. "It is Ruth Langlos' courageous story. Of her fight against City Hall to change what obviously was an error so that the murderer could be

brought to trial."

It is, as the subtitle of the book states, A Widow's Real Life Nightmare.

A suspect is arrested in possession of Langlos' credit cards. Other evidence incriminates him. However, since the victim's death certificate states that the cause of death was an apparent heart attack, the suspect could not be

charged with murder.

Thus began Ruth Langlos' long and frustrating journey to correct an obvious error. An error that apparently took 15 years to set right. Running into detours and dead ends, Langlos finally is able to find her way out of the bureaucratic maze and convinces authorities that the certificate must be changed.

"It cost her her health and put her life on hold," said Niemiec. "It is sort of a story about fighting City Hall and winning.

But even at the doorsteps of victory, Langlos suffered yet another setback. Because it took 15 years to correct the mistake, the defendant's attorney argued that "because the suspect wasn't afforded a

speedy trial, the case against him should be dismissed."

Niemiec, a longtime investigative reporter who has a score of literary awards to his credit, dug deep into the records, police files, newspaper clips and conducted hundreds of hours of interviews in putting together a story that the

reader will find incredible. Murder, No Doubt was released nationally in November. The book may be purchased in most local bookstores and at Borders Books & Music store in the Novi Town Center.

Raised in downriver community of Riverview, the 43year-old Niemiec is presently residing in Livonia with his wife, Kerry, and their three

Tenth grade math and 11thgrade science showed a slight decrease. Tenth-grade math scores decreased 1.4 percent and 11th-grade science scores decreased .3 percent from

Fourth-grade student scores improved by about 5 percent each year from 1991 to 1993, while fifth-grade students showed a 2.9 percent overall increase in scores. Seventhgrade student scores improved 1.8 percent in math and 8.6 percent in reading, while eighthgraders showed a 14.5 percent increase in their science scores, the highest overall im-

provement in the district. Tenth-grade student scores improved slightly overall with a 1.2 percent score increase in math and a .9 percent increase in reading over the two-year period. Eleventh-grade test results show a 12.4 percent overall increase in science scores.

Despite improvement at the fourth and seventh grade level, Kuckel said, students taking the math section of the MEAP test need improved problem solving abilities.

"We can no longer be content with computation skills. We should take more of a problem solving approach with analysis and critical thinking skills. Most of the math questions (on the MEAP) are two and three- step questions,"

Kuckel said. Kuckel stressed that curriculum development is needed in the junior highs and high schools because secondary students are not being taught the subjects prior to the MEAP

testing. "We need to redevelop the curriculum. Curriculum development makes a difference," Kuckel said.

Thomas said one of the specific problems in secondary education is that teachers need to coordinate when they teach a specific subject. Kuckel suggested mixing the subjects, instead of teaching one subject at a time.

"Integration is the key. We should mix algebra, geometry and other math concepts at the secondary level. K-8 is integrated. We need to integrate grades nine through 12," Kuckel said.

"This will teach them how to apply the skills they learn," Thomas added.

State endorsed diplomas will be given in 1994 based on 10th and 11th- grade MEAP scores and proficiency exams will be administered in the 11th grade beginning in 1997.

To receive a state endorsed diploma, until proficiency exams are administered, a student must pass all three MEAP tests in a particular subject. The student will receive a

sticker on their diploma for each subject passed on all three MEAP exams (i.e. math, science and reading).

Kuckel said students must have a score of 500 or more on the math section, at least 75 percent on the science section and 300 or more on the reading section of the MEAP test to receive an endorsed diploma. Students can receive a maximum score of between 642 and 670 on the math section and between 339 and 350 on the reading section.

Plymouth-Canton students received record high marks this year on the Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) tests.

The MEAP, a statemandated test given to students grades four, five, seven, eight, 10 and 11, assesses a student's essential skills and basic skills through three focus areas: reading, math and science. Each Michigan student is then scored based on a curve.

Plymouth-Canton school officials said, "Scores in reading showed that about eight out of 10 students scored in the satisfactory or moderate category. Results show 76.2-percent of the fourth graders, 85.3- per-cent of the seventh graders and 80-percent of the 10th graders were included in these categories.'

Similar findings are evident in the area of mathematics with 79.6- percent of fourthgrade students, 89.1-percent of seventh-grade students and 71.4-percent of 10th grade students passing with satisfactory

and moderate scores. Science scores also pleased educators with 83.8-percent of fifth graders, 77.2-percent of eighth graders and 62.4percent of 11th-grade students

receiving passing scores. "These results are one tool We want to give parents a better idea of how their son/daughter did. Teachers will be able to go over the results with parents individually. 77

Dr. Thomas Tattan executive director for instruction

we use to determine an individual student's specific strengths and specific areas of need," said Dr. Thomas Tattan, executive director for instruction K - 12. They are a means to view an individual student's knowledge, and to help analyze how the student's instructional needs can best be met to make future educa-

tional progress.' School officials are pleased with the students' results, but not satisfied. "We will never be satisfied because it's a continuum," said Richard Egli, associate director for community relations. The state changes the target each year, based on the number of correct student responses, but as students improve their scores, the state changes the tests to make them more challenging.

"The purpose is to keep improving education throughout the state," said Ellison Franklin, curriculum coordinator for math and science in Plymouth-Canton schools.

Test results will be mailed to parents the first week of January with the opportunity for parents to meet with the teacher of their child in Feb-

better idea of how their son/ daughter did," said Tattan, "Teachers will be able to go over the results with parents results.

individually."

Test scores will determine if students receive an endorsed diploma or just a standard diploma from the state.

Romulus School District reported a continued improvement in Michigan Education Assessment Program (MEAP) scores, Superintendent of Schools Dr. William Bedell

"Although we are still not quite where we would like them to be, they're definitely headed in the right direction," Bedell said.

Student scores improved in all categories except 10thgrade reading, he continued.

"Perhaps of the greatest importance is the fact that the new technology systems seem to make a difference. For instance, the elementary schools that had the greatest gains in math and reading, were also the ones that had the technology in place the longest," Bedell said.

Some test score samplings included: in the fourth grade, 55 percent of the students moderate to satisfactory scores in mathematics and 60

percent did well in reading. This is a 10-percent im-"We want to give parents a provement over last year's results," he said, and similar increases were reported in the fifth and eighth-grade science

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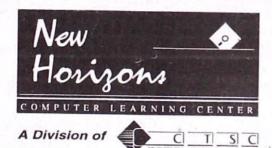
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Public hearing has been scheduled for Monday, December 20, 1993, at approximately 7:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers located on the ground floor of Belleville City Hall, 6 Main Street, Belleville, Michi-

Attached to this notice is a map which shows the boundaries of the district to be considered.

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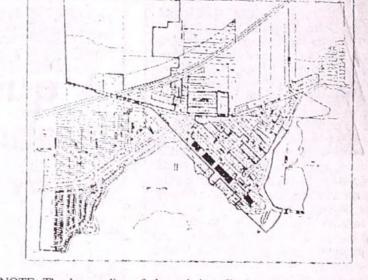
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NOTE: The bounardies of the existing district are proposed to be expanded slightly in order to take in and include property located on North Liberty Street from Main/Belleville Road to the intersection of North Liberty Street and Fifth Street.

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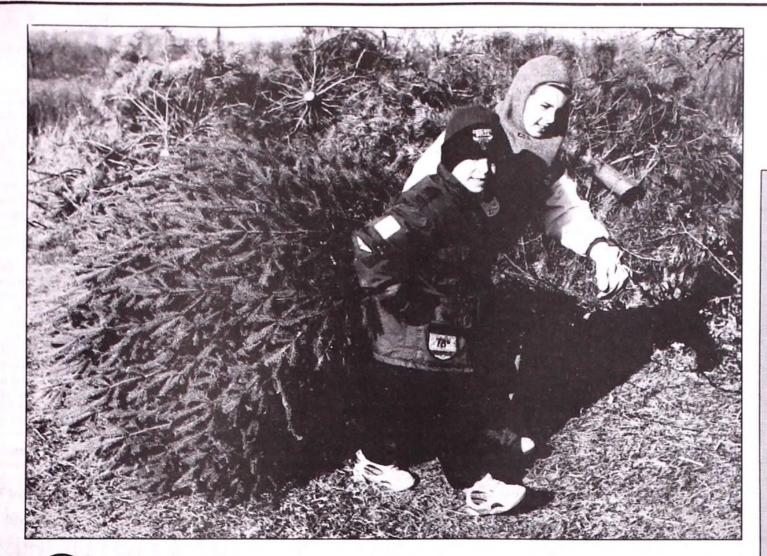
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For many people, choosing their own tree and cutting it down themselves is an annual event in which all of the family members participate.

"It's a lot of fun for families. Many of the same families come here year after year to cut their trees," said Shirley Younts of Shirley's Tree Farm. "Weekends are our busiest time, especially the last two before Christmas."

Younts said the tree-cutting period is also an enjoyable time for her family because they meet a lot of people and see a lot of old friends when they come to cut their Christmas tree.

"We have a lot of people that come year after year. We have good trees and our prices are reasonable," Younts said.

This is the seventh or eighth year that the more than five-acre tree farm on Hannan Road has been open, and

it may be the last year for awhile.

"We've got some more small trees that we're getting ready, but we're getting pretty slim in the field behind our house," said Younts. "It takes six to eight years for the spruce to grow to the right size and about five years for the pines."

The tree farm started as a hobby for Jerry Younts, who loves trees and enjoyed planting and caring for them. "After awhile it just grew into a tree farm," she said.

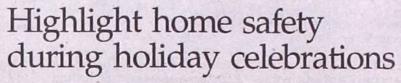
"The first year that we had people cutting their trees, Jerry didn't want to watch. He had worked so hard to grow the trees, that he hated to see them cut."

Although the season for tree cutting is short, there is a lot of work to be done to prepare the trees.

"We have to spray and prune. We spray for weeds, and then we cut down weeds and vines," she said. "All of our trees are hand pruned by my husband."

After all of the pruning, sharing, weeding and spraying, the Christmas trees are cut down, put into a truck or car trunk and transported to someone's home to be decorated, admired and adored - for a week or two.





Christmas trees, decorated with colorful lights and tinsel, add a special "spark" to the holiday season, but the wrong kind of spark could turn a holiday into a disaster.

Some 450 people nationwide die annually in house fires during the Christmas holiday period, double the number for any other two-week interval. In Michigan, 13 Christmas tree fires were reported in 1992, resulting in property losses totaling \$235,600.

The following precautions were suggested by Van Buren Township Fire Chief Al Smolen:

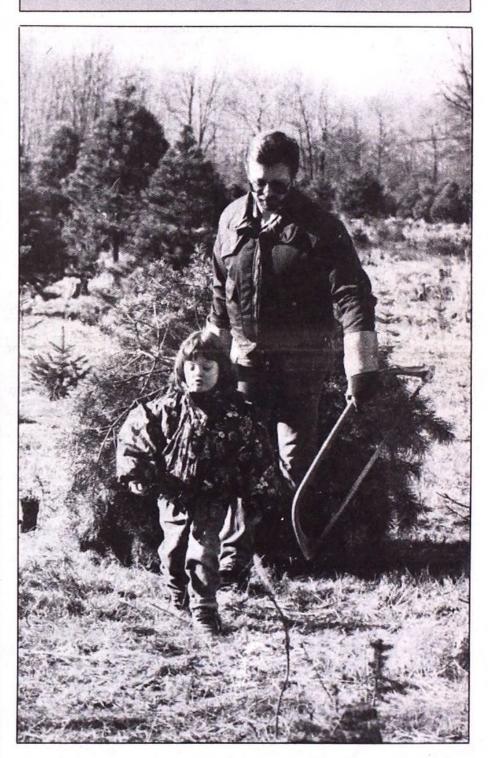
If you use a real Christmas tree, keep it watered. Also, keep the tree in water in a non-tip stand away from exits and sources of heat.
Make sure tree needles are not dry or brittle. If they are, or if needles are falling, remove the tree from the house.

 Check all lights and electrical decorations to be sure they are in good condition. Examine light strands for cracked or frayed cords, and replace them if these conditions exist.

 Do not overload electrical outlets with too many lights or extension cords, and be sure that all decorative lighting is turned off when leaving home. In addition, make the holiday decorations safe for children and pets.

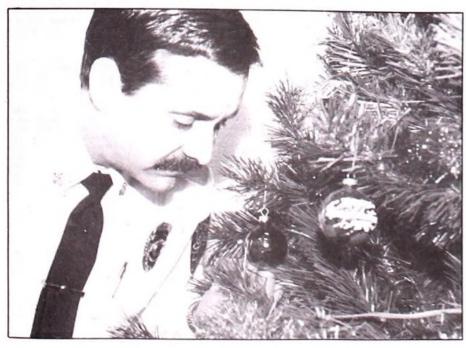
If you haven't completed your Christmas shopping, Smolen suggests purchasing smoke detectors.

"A good gift idea is to give someone you love a smoke detector as a holiday present. You could also give a gift of replacement batteries, marked specifically as 'smoke detector replacement' batteries," Smolen suggested.



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Brothers Alex, 6, and Arron Chaveriat, 9, (top photo) help their parents select a Christmas tree every year at the tree farm operated by Shirley and John Younts. Jeremy Linderman, 7, (above) helps his grandparents by distributing saws to tree-cutters. Jim Gerzich and Devin, 5, (center, right) drag their tree out of the field. For the first time, 13-year-old Joe Goodrich of Romulus (bottom, right) cut the family tree while his father, Steve stands by. Below, Van Burer Township Fire Chief Al Smolen inspects a decorated tree to be sure that there are no fire hazards. ANP photo by DiVizio/chief photographer





Defendants charged with credit fraud to face trial

By JENNIFER PLACINTO ANP Staff Writer

Two 46-year-old Detroit residents, one of whom allegedly falsified a credit application and used the temporary credit card to purchase \$546 in merchandise from a Westland store, were bound over to Detroit Recorder's Court to face

Aletha Charlene Foster and Roy Hershel Walker were charged with possession of a financial transaction device. Walker was also charged with receiving and concealing stolen property. Both defendants were released after posting \$15,000 cash bonds.

The two could receive up to four years in prison if convicted on the financial transaction charges and Walker faces a maximum of five years in prison if convicted of the receiving and concealing charge.

The couple was arrested after Foster, who allegedly completed a credit application with a false name and information, used the temporary credit card at Meryvn's store, located at 35555 Warren Road, according to store clerk Patricia Horosko.

This temporary card was allegedly used to purchase \$546 in merchandise, which was later found in the car Walker was driving.

The two were arrested around 9 p.m. on Dec. 7 by Westland police office Mark Engstrom, who testified he had spoken with Walker a few minutes prior to the arrests after receiving a suspicious vehicle report by Meryvn's employees.

The officer said he spoke with Walker, who was sitting in a parked car outside Meryvn's just before 9 p.m. and after verifying that Walker had a valid driver's license and talking with store employees, Engstrom allowed Walker to

Upon returning to his police vehicle, Engstrom entered Walker's license plate number into the computer and found no record of the plate. The offi**44** He had the papers in one hand and when I asked for them, he threw them in the air. 77

> Mark Engstrom officer

cer then saw Walker's vehicle leaving the parking lot.

"I saw a vehicle pass me eastbound on Warren Road near Cowan," Engstrom said.

Engstrom said he pursued the vehicle and stopped Walker near Cowan Road for no record of the license plate, tinted windows and a rear tail light that was out.

The officer testified that when he approached the car, he saw that Foster was now in the passenger front seat and was not wearing a seatbelt.

Engstrom asked Foster for identification and she told him she had none. The officer had the woman stand behind the car and asked Walker what the

woman's name was. Walker gave Engstrom a false name and when Foster gave the officer a different false name, Engstrom arrested her for hindering.

"I arrested her for hindering and placed her in the patrol vehicle," Engstrom testified.

Once in the patrol vehicle, the officer said he witnessed Foster "stuffing something behind the seat." The officer looked behind the seat and found a ripped up Detroit tax driver's license bearing Walker's photo, but with a false name

After handcuffing the woman and placing her back in

the patrol vehicle, Engstrom approached Walker, who was leaning over the steering column ripping up papers, the officer testified.

"He had the papers in one hand and when I asked for them, he threw them in the air," Engstrom said.

Engstrom testified that he found about 10 shopping bags in the back seat and trunk of the car with merchandise tags attached. There were no receipts in any of the shopping bags, according to Engstrom. Some of the items were from Meryvn's and others were from a Service Merchandise store, Engstrom said.

The Detroit residents face additional charges for merchandise purchased with a falsified credit card from a Service Merchandise store in Livonia. The total amount of stolen merchandise is around \$1,600, according to police.

Engstrom said he recovered about six or seven receipts and neither of the individuals could produce receipts for the merchandise in the car.

Westland police Sgt. Steve Ryskamp said he took oral statements from both Walker and Foster. Ryskamp testified that Walker said the two were planning to resell the merchandise Foster purchased with the falsified credit card.

According to Ryskamp, Walker said, "She (Foster) is the credit card expert," and that he would get a portion of the money after resale.

Ryskamp testified that Walker said he helped Foster carry the items from Meryvn's and waited in his car while she was making the purchases.

Ryskamp testified that Foster said Walker did not know what was going on and that she applied for the credit card and bought the items with that card. However, 18th District Judge C. Charles Bokos disagreed:

"His (Walker's) statement clearly implicates him. He said he was there for the purpose of engaging in illegal activity," Bokos said.

Representatives toss school finance bill into

By TOM MOORADIAN ANP Staff Writer

The state House of Representatives last week tossed the long-awaited and controver-

sial school finance reform bill

into the senate chambers. And taxpayers can be assured that before the senators bisect, dissect and add their recommendations for the reconstruction of Michigan education, someone is going to have to pay the anticipated \$10.1 billion annual costs to operate schools.

If you're naive enough to wonder who will pay, just look in the mirror.

Lawmakers earlier this year eliminated all property taxes as the basis for paying for schools

With Gov. John Engler's blessing, the lawmakers approved and the governor signed Senate Bill 1 which

eliminated \$6.3 billion in property taxes for education.

The state annually funds another \$3 billion-plus in shcool aid which must also be made up in a funding plan.

Senate Bill 1, some say, was a victory of Waterloo proportions for those who fought what appeared to be the neverending increases in property assessments.

They have failed to provide a vehicle to replace the tax.

The House last week came up with a bipartisan bill that, according to Rep. Bill Keith (D-Garden City), would generate \$10.1 billion for education. The revenues would be generated from a wide range of other tax increases including sales, a possible income tax increase, as well as single business (SBT) and interstate

In praising his colleagues in the House, Rep. Keith acknowledges that getting the votes to increase the state income tax, property taxes, real estate taxes, the SBT and tobacco "were not easy ones for any member to cast.'

"Approving this plan was a very difficult process but it represents bipartisanship and the art of compromise at its finest," Keith added. "The agreement reached is a fair distribution of the tax burden between businesses and individuals and everyone ends up a winner.

"The school children of Michigan will be the beneficiaries of this plan approved by both Democrats and Republicans.'

The House version of the reform package will provide a minimum of \$5,000 for every Michigan K-12 student. It was the discrepancy and the wide variance that each school district spends per pupil - some school districts, like Bloomfield Hills, Southfield, and Birmingham have the resources to spend more than \$8,000 per pupil as compared to some that have less than \$3,000 available - that triggered a call for reform.

That reform gained momentum when tax haters called for the elimination of property taxes as a basis for financing Michigan schools.

With the countdown on a self-imposed deadline of Dec. 31 to have the reform package in place, the pressure to come up with the funds for education switches to the Senate.

There is no question that the pressure is now on the Republican- controlled Senate, and the people of Michigan will be watching," Keith said. "If Republicans and the governor are really sincere about the need for the Legislature to complete this effort by the end version will be changed dra-

of the year. The opportunity is there.

Keith went on to say, "Specifically the legislation passed by the House would provide a statutory funding mechanism for education in Michigan which would include a mix of taxes, including a statewide education property tax on both homesteads and nonhomesteads. The package also lays the groundwork for a ballot proposal that would trade the homestead portion of the statewide property tax for an increase in the state sales tax for the present rate of 4-cents

to the proposed 6-cents." Because Republicans dominate the senate, senator Bill Faust (D- Westland) said that the pressure will be on the majority party to come up with a bill acceptable to both sides of the aisle.

"I believe that the House

matically because certain conservatives, supported by the governor, want to make deeper cuts rather than raise taxes. But that option would jeopardize schools as well as government - and I would never support that."

Faust also said that he would not support a sales tax increase. He would rather, he said, back an income tax hike.

"I believe that the income tax increase would be a fairer way to go than by increasing the sales tax."

Faust, who is the dean of the Senate, added that, although there was no timetable for Senate action on the bill, he believes that the public would soon get a glimpse at the Senate version of school finance reform.

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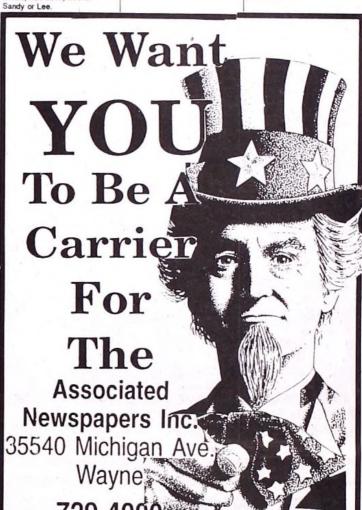
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